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SINO-SOVIET PEACE SIGNATURE.

MOSCOW REPORTS END OF DISPUTE.

CURIOUS CONTRADICTIONARY STORY FROM RENGO AGENCY.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

"Peace" has been signed between the Soviet and Mukden Governments, according to a message from Moscow, and the dispute over the Chinese Eastern Railway may be regarded as settled.

The terms of the reported Protocol are almost exactly those proposed by Russia in September last when Berlin negotiations broke down at the last minute.

The pre-conflict situation on the Railway is to be restored. Russia will nominate the manager and assistant-manager, but the former occupants of these posts will not be reinstated. The Soviet representative has made this concession from the ultimatum terms in return for the promise to dismiss Mr. Liu, the Chinese Chairman of the Railway.

These are the terms of the proposed joint declaration from Berlin. At that time, China refused to consent to the dismissal of Mr. Liu. At the same time, the message is in line with the proposals which Chang Hsueh-ang is reported to have communicated to Mr. Tsai Yun-shen.

A curious contradictory message comes to hand from Tokyo, stating that Mr. Tsai Yun-shen, on instructions from Mukden, has returned without negotiating. This is possibly a misapprehension arising from the fact that the discussions took place, according to Moscow, at Nikol'sk, instead of at Habarovsk, as previously arranged.

In the meantime, Russia has replied to the French Kellogg Pact Note, displaying considerable resentment that the United States should "deem it necessary to offer advice."

U.S. INTERFERENCE RESENTED.

Moscow, Dec. 3.

The Russo-Chinese dispute over the Chinese Eastern Railway has been settled.

A Protocol has been signed at Nikol'sk (about fifty miles to the north of Vladivostok) by Mr. Tsai Yun-shen, the Harbin Diplomatic Commissioner, and M. Simanovsky, the Russian Diplomatic Agent.

The Protocol arranges for the reorganisation of the administration of the Chinese Eastern Railway in strict conformity with the Peking and Mukden Agreements of 1924.

Mr. Tsai Yun-shen has been prohibited to dismiss Mr. Liu, the Chinese Chairman of the Railway Board.

M. Simanovsky, in return, has agreed to recommend other candidates for the management and assistant management than the former holders of these positions, M. Emshannoff and M. Elsmont, both of whom, however, may be given other positions on the Railway.—*Reuter.*

A Strange Contradiction.

Tokyo, Dec. 3.

A Harbin message to the Renko Agency states that Mr. Tsai Yun-shen, receiving a telegram of recall from General Chang Hsueh-ang, left Nikol'sk for Harbin without reaching Habarovsk, where the parleys were scheduled to be held.

It is strongly believed in Japan that another set-back has been reached in Sino-Soviet negotiations.—*Reuter.*

Moscow Resents U.S. Note.

Moscow, Dec. 3.

Resentment at the intervention of the United States in the Russo-Chinese dispute is expressed in the Russian Reply to the French Note of today, in which France followed the American lead and called attention to the obligations of the Kellogg Pact.

The Russian Reply states that the American move at a time when direct negotiations have started, cannot be regarded as a friendly act.

MOTOR DUMPING IN EUROPE.

SPRING AVALANCHE FROM AMERICA?

TORY IDEAS OF FINANCIAL DEPRESSION IN U.S.

MR. GRAHAM'S REPLY.

London, Dec. 3.

"A million American motor-cars may be dumped in Europe in the coming Spring owing to the financial depression in the United States," declared Lieut. Col. C. K. Howard-Bury, the Conservative M.P. for Chelmsford, in the House of Commons to-day, prefacing a question to the President of the Board of Trade.

Lt. Col. Howard-Bury added that a conference was being held in Brussels on the 10th instant for the purpose of trying to establish a quota system for the importation of American cars to Europe.

Impossible Suggestion.

He suggested that the British Government should be represented at that conference in order to prevent many thousands of employees of the motor industry of Great Britain from being forced out of employment.

Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, replied that he had been informed that British motor manufacturers would be represented at the Conference, which was a regular meeting of the Motor Manufacturers' Associations of Europe.

The Minister said he did not see how the question of the participation of the British Government could possibly arise.

Fears Doubled.

He also expressed considerable doubt, for the present, as to whether the dumping of motor-cars by the United States on the scale suggested would actually occur. He had the matter fully before him and within the Government's fiscal policy any representation they could make would be made.

Mr. Graham emphasised, however, that the Government was not prepared to support protective duties of any kind. (Liberal and Labour cheers).

U. S. Tariff Wall.

In answer to further questions regarding trade relations between Britain and the United States, Mr. Graham said that no formal intimation had been made to the United States in regard to the effect that the proposed increase in the export trade of Britain.

Certain memoranda in regard to trade in specific commodities, which has been submitted to His Majesty's Government by Trade Associations and firms of Great Britain had been, however, communicated to the United States authorities.

Truce Negotiations.

Mr. Graham pointed out that the resolution of the Assembly of the League of Nations regarding a tariff truce contemplated that non-members as well as members of the League should participate in a conference early in 1930.

The question of direct communication with the Government of the United States in regard to these particular proposals was now under consideration. The British Government would of course participate in the Conference at Geneva, the object of which was to conclude a definite international agreement among member and non-member States not to increase protective tariffs above their present level for a period of two or three years.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Ford Salaries.

Detroit, Dec. 3.

Wage increases aggregating \$20,000,000 are announced by the Ford Motor Company.

The present minimum daily wage of \$36 for all American employees will henceforth be \$37, while graduated increases will be given to all employees already receiving from \$7 to \$10 per day.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DARING KOWLOON ATTACK.

ROBBER'S THREAT TO KILL YOUNG STUDENTS.

ONE IN HOSPITAL.

A dastardly attack by robbers, armed with hammers and a screw-driver, is reported to have been made on two young Chinese students at 507, Nathan Road, this morning. Although there was no loss of property, one of the students is now in hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by the intruders.

The full account of the outrage has been reported to the police by Kai So-kwen, aged 18, a student of the Diocesan Boys' School, who resides at 507, Nathan Road, first floor. He stated:

"I live in the front cubicle, and at about 7 o'clock this morning, whilst I was reading in my cubicle, I heard sounds of a struggle taking place in the room which is in the rear of the same floor. I went to see what was the matter, and on arrival I saw three men in the act of striking Lo Kin-chui, who sleeps in the room. He is also a student at the Diocesan Boys' School.

"On my entering the room, one of the men rushed towards me carrying a hammer; I screamed and he said to me 'If you make any more noise, I will kill you'. He then placed his hand over my mouth, at the same time striking me several blows on the arm with a hammer. The other two men continued to strike Lo Kin-chui who was lying on the bed. They were armed with what looked like hammers and a screw-driver.

"When I heard the robbers run downstairs, I came out of the cubicle and gave the alarm. A man named Li Kiu-ang, the principal tenant of the house, who is a goldsmith, slept in the sitting room, but I cannot say what became of him, or whether he was assaulted or not. I only saw three robbers and they remained on the floor about 10 minutes. I did not hear them opening any drawers or boxes and they did not steal anything from anyone. They did not come into my cubicle after they had locked me in."

ALLIED ARREARS TO GREAT BRITAIN.

AT NO TIME LIKELY TO BE COVERED.

London, Dec. 3.

Answering a Parliamentary question as to when the arrears of one hundred and forty-six millions sterling paid by Great Britain to the United States would be cleared off, if all the Allied debts and reparations as arranged at the Hague Conference were paid on due date, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden replied:

"The Hague Agreement gives us advantages worth approximately two millions sterling a year for thirty-seven years, as a set-off against the accumulated deficit between our receipts and our debt payments in the past.

"But that deficit will at no time be fully covered and would not have been covered if the Dawes plan had continued in operation.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH ECONOMIC MISSIONS.

MAY BE SENT TO OTHER PARTS OF WORLD.

London, Dec. 3.

In the House of Commons to-day, the President of Trade, Mr. William Graham, when asked whether, in view of the access of the recent economic Mission to South America, it was proposed to send similar missions to other parts of the world, said the question was under consideration, but he was unable yet to make any statement.—*British Wireless.*

MEXICO'S FUTURE PRESIDENT.

"SECRET" DEPARTURE FOR UNITED STATES.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.

Senor Rubio, the President-Elect, left secretly for the United States to-day. He will enter the John S. Hopkins Hospital for rest and treatment.—*Reuter.*

REFUSAL TO TAKE MAILBAGS.

BRITISH CAPTAIN SUMMONED.

RISK OF FINES AND NO RECOMPENSE.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

An unusual case touching on the question of mail transportation in China, and the collateral arrangements entered into with the Hongkong Post Office, was heard before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, when Captain Edwin P. Smith, the master of the s.s. Sunning, a British registered vessel, was summoned for an act amounting to alleged misfeasance, in that "on November 11, being about to depart from the Colony to Samshui and Wuchow, he did refuse to accept 18 bags of mails on board the s.s. Sunning for conveyance."

The summons was taken out under Section 18 of the Post Office Ordinance.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the Acting Postmaster-General, who prosecuted, said that the launch officer on that day took 21 bags of mails for Samshui and Wuchow, of which 18 were transit Chinese bags and the remaining three were local Hongkong ones.

"No Payment.

According to the launch officer's statement, the master of the ship said he would take only the Hongkong bags, but would not take the Chinese ones, saying that he did not get paid for the latter.

Section 18, continued Mr. Smith, was the Section under which the summons was brought, and it did not say anything about payment. On the other hand, Section 20 did definitely say it was "in consideration of a gratuity payable," which made it a contract. As regards the Chinese Post Office, he would leave it at that for the time being, in view of Captain Smith's plea.

Captain Smith made it clear that his plea of guilty was only in respect of the Chinese bags. He said that he had sent a letter, on November 28, to the Postmaster-General, to which, up to the present, he had received no answer. As he had been brought before the Court for an act alleged to amount to misfeasance, he thought it incumbent on him to give a full explanation.

He had been careful first to interview the Superintendent of Mails and on the latter's advice had written to the Postmaster-General explaining his position, but had received no reply.

P. M. G. Explains.

Mr. Smith, interposing, said that what happened was this: Hongkong was half-way between certain ports of China, it being the case that mail bags from Shanghai to Wuchow were sent here from transhipment. The Post Office here charged them a small storage fee. In cases where these Chinese mails were sent by a non-contract vessel, that was to say, one that was not paid by the Chinese Post Office, the Post Office here paid the usual gratuity. In cases where such mails were carried by contract ships, of which there were some 60, given in the list supplied by the Chinese Post Office, and of which the "Sunning" was one, no gratuity was paid. If any dispute occurred in the case of these contract ships, the matter was one purely between the Chinese Post Office and the master or owners of the ship concerned.

The Post Office here, said Mr. Smith, would, of course, know nothing about this matter of payments, except that they had a standing agreement with the Chinese Post Office to tranship their mails as and whenever required. From time to time, the Chinese Post Office would send down a list of such contract ships, and, guided by such lists, the Post Office here would not be paying anything to the masters.

The Acting Postmaster-General at this stage enquired if such a letter as that mentioned by Capt. Smith had been sent, and the Captain asserted that it was. He had not a copy with him, but had retained a rough draft which he explained, was somewhat differently worded, reading as follows:

To the P.M.G.—Sir, In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to say the following:—

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HOOVER'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

GROWING EXPENDITURE ON ARMY & NAVY.

MOST CONCERNED IN VIEW OF THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

THE BUDGET SUBMITTED.

President Hoover delivered his first annual Message to Congress in Washington yesterday, an event which has been keenly awaited. The President says that the problems of the country to-day are the problems of growth and progress. He asks for immediate steps to remedy the defects in the enforcement of the prohibition laws, and says that the financial crash of last month has not been attended by industrial depression.

The burden of his Address, however, deals with America's annual expenditure for purposes of national defence. He states that the United States spent more money in this direction than any of the most militarised nations of the world.

While the President expresses much concern at this state of affairs, his first Budget, also issued yesterday, provides for increased expenditure by both the army and the navy. The Navy Vote shows an increase of \$816,000,000 and the Army Vote is up by \$33,000,000. The combined total is in the neighbourhood of \$846,000,000, or approximately £170,000,000.

The estimated outlay of the Treasury for 1930 is the huge figure of \$4,103,000,000, though this is \$145,000,000 less than last year.

PROBLEMS OF PROSPERITY.

Washington, Dec. 3.

President Hoover's annual Message to Congress has been issued. It consists of twelve thousand words and its early emphasis is laid on the fact that the nation continued to grow in strength during last year and that the problems before the country are the problems of growth and progress.

The President, referring to international relations, states that fifty-four nations have now adhered to the Kellogg Anti-War Pact.

He emphasises that the United States' accession to the Court of International Justice at the Hague, as now constituted, is not the slightest step towards the entry of the country into the League of Nations.

No question in which the United States is interested can be passed on by the Court without American consent.

Naval Conference.

The President also says that the Government hold high hopes of the success of the London Naval Conference.

They are anxious to withdraw 1,600 American Marines from Nicaragua as the situation warrants, while the President proposes, subject to the approval of Congress, to send a Commission to Haiti to try and arrive at a more definite policy. There are seven hundred American Marines at present in Haiti.

The Government also hopes to reduce the 2,805 men of the American forces in China to the normal Legation Guard.

Defence Costs.

President Hoover expresses himself as most concerned at the growth of expenditure on national defence, which amounts to over \$730,000,000 (or nearly £155,000,000) in the current fiscal year, which is in excess of the expenditure of the most militarised nations of the world.

The programme now authorised will still further increase this expenditure in the future.

Failing an international agreement the President points out, the United States will be committed during the next six years to naval construction expenditure totalling over \$1,200,000,000 (or over £240,000,000).

More Than Double 1914.

The personnel of the United States armed forces, he points out, total 723,000, including reserves, in 1929, as compared with 299,000 in 1914.

These forces should be reduced in proportion to the needs of national defence and should therefore to some extent be modified by the

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U. S. War Debt Cost.

Payments in connexion therewith in 1929 were estimated at \$239,000,000. American taxpayers were called upon to find annually about \$475,000,000 to pay the interest and redeem the principal of the sums borrowed by the United States for these purposes.

Financial Crash.

Referring to the crash on the New York Stock Exchanges, President Hoover says he is convinced that the measures taken by the Government have re-established confidence, but they must be vigorously pursued until normality has been restored.

Regarding air services, President Hoover speaks in enthusiastic terms regarding the development in this direction. He points out that regular air transportation in the United States now amounts to about 90,000 miles daily, while the country has a manufacturing capacity of 7,500 machines per annum.

Oil, Hootch and Immigration.

The President emphasises that the conservation of American oil and gas resources is a national necessity.

He also declares that the restriction of immigration has proved sound national policy. The pressing problem is to formulate a method whereby immigrants will be adapted to national needs.

Mr. Hoover concludes that steps should immediately be taken to remedy the defects of the enforcement of Eighteenth Amendment, the Prohibition Law.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOOVER BUDGET.

Increase in Votes for Defence.

Washington, Dec. 3.

President Hoover, introducing the Budget for the next fiscal year, asked Congress for a sum of \$3,830,000,000 for Governmental use. This sum is \$145,000,000 less than the Budget for the present year.

It is estimated that the Treasury's outlay for the twelve months beginning next July will be \$4,103,000,000 and it is predicted that there will be a surplus at the end of that period.

The difference between the appropriations asked for and the total defence and should therefore to some extent be modified by the

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After the theatre



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DOCK SHOOTING INCIDENT.

ACQUITTAL ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

MARRIOTT CASE ENDS.

Mr. Henry ("Kid") Marriott was acquitted of a charge of manslaughter by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday without the defence being called upon to open their case. Mr. F. C. Jenkin successfully submitting that there was no evidence to justify committal.

According to the evidence of the medical officers at the Kowloon Hospital the deceased had a perforated wound in his abdomen as well as a fractured forearm. His pulse was normal and on there being no signs of internal haemorrhage he was transferred to the Government Civil Hospital where there is special accommodation for Indians.

Dr. T. W. Ware, medical officer of the Government Civil Hospital, stated that on the admission of the deceased to hospital he decided that an immediate operation was necessary. The deceased was given general anaesthetic and the site of the injury was explored. Witness found that the portion of large bowel which lies in contact with the abdominal wall had a small perforation considerably smaller than that in the skin.

Witness said that he looked for a bullet or foreign body but none could be found. Later the deceased's condition became worse and, although everything possible was done, he died the following day.

Speaking of the post mortem examination witness said that there was very little haemorrhage from the original injury and none of the intestinal contents had escaped from the perforation. Another search was made for the bullet but without success. The deceased had no peritonitis and as he had not suffered from shock witness said that he was rather puzzled as to the cause of his death.

Uraemia Causes Death.

The witness then described the deceased's general condition and said that death was due to uraemia following general anaesthesia. Witness intimated that had he known the condition of the deceased's kidney he would have given him local anaesthesia. Later witness explained that uraemia was the poisoning of the system by unknown substances. In the present case there were visible symptoms of uraemia but it could not have been discovered before the operation; even a test of urine would not have been decisive.

Witness said that the deceased was taken to the X Ray room but no signs of any bullet were found.

The injury on the forearm was a jagged fracture and the broken end of the ulna was splintered. It was hard to say if the abdominal perforation was straight or slanting but he thought it was nearly straight. The injury was nothing like that caused by a bullet.

The skin wound on the abdomen, said witness, was square and not round. He was inclined to believe it might have been caused by the broken end of the man's own ulna; it looked just like a stab wound.

At the conclusion of the medical evidence Mr. Jenkin submitted that there was no evidence to show that the injuries were caused by a bullet and applied for the acquittal of the defendant but his Worship intimated that it was too early to decide that the deceased was not killed by the defendant.

Formal Evidence.

Plans of the vicinity were produced by Mr. M. I. de Ville, while Inspector Stimson of the Hongkong Station gave evidence of having received a report from the defendant, whom he detained. Witness was handed an automatic pistol which he examined. The striker was down and the safety catch at "fire." On taking out the magazine witness found one live round. The breech was empty.

In reply to Mr. Andrews witness said that he could not account

for the breech being empty. He saw no indications that the pistol had been recently fired. From the report made by the defendant witness said that he expected to find the live round in the breech. He could not see any reason why it was not there.

Subsequently, on the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, witness released the defendant.

Photographs taken of the scene of the accident were then produced by Sub-Inspector Vincent, while Detective Inspector Fallon produced the defendant's statement made in answer to the charge.

Sergeant Scott, Police Armourer, said that he examined the pistol which was a .38. Witness had also been given a live round and an empty cartridge. On examination of the barrel of the pistol witness said that the pistol had been fired recently. The pistol and the safety catch were both in good working condition.

In reply to his Worship witness said that the pistol had been fired within a week.

Answering Mr. Jenkin witness said that if when fired a cartridge did not go from the magazine to the break the mechanism of the magazine would be faulty. Witness could not speak of the condition of the pistol on November 10, he having examined it on November 12.

Indian Sergeant Called.

An Indian Sergeant watchman said that he paraded the men for duty at 3.55 p.m. on November 10

and later when visiting the various men in accordance with his duty, he came upon the deceased near the seavall. As he was approaching him the defendant was walking towards the deceased from behind. Witness did not speak to the deceased who remarked "all right" and then witness passed him. As soon as he had gone about three yards past the deceased witness heard a revolver shot.

On looking round witness said that he saw a revolver on the ground and then qualified his statement by saying that he saw the defendant drop the weapon. When witness went to the assistance of the deceased the latter said, "A shot has struck me; help me."

Witness mentioned that he later saw the defendant pick up the revolver.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin witness said that the defendant actually approached the deceased first. He disagreed that he was talking to the deceased when the defendant walked up to them. He had not made a mistake when he stated he saw the defendant pick up the revolver.

Mr. Andrews intimated that that closed the case for the Crown.

Mr. Jenkin briefly submitted that there was not evidence to justify the committal of the defendant and pointed out that the evidence had to be taken as it had been given to the Court. They had to confine themselves to the testimony that had been given and could not speculate on evidence that was forthcoming.

What Crown Must Prove.

Mr. Jenkin continued the prosecution had to prove their case without the aid of any of the evidences of the defence. There were two essential matters which had to be proved before a verdict of guilty could be secured against the defendant. It had to be proved that the death of the deceased had been caused by the default of the accused and that it had to be proved, before a jury functioning properly could convict, that he had acted with such reckless disregard for the safety of the Indian that the act amounted to a crime or felony.

It was not a question of negligence or no negligence but the issue which justified conviction must be a question of felon or no felon. The act had to be motivated by fierce cruelty, bitterness and the like. It had to be shown that the man's conduct had been a disregard of the rules of safety and that there had been a wicked intention, gross negligence or carelessness. It had to be shown that there had been disregard for the life of the unfortunate Indian to warrant the defendant being dubbed a felon.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that on the evidence of the prosecution there was not the slightest indication that there had been any disregard for the Indian's life.

Referring to the relationship between the defendant and the watchman, Mr. Jenkin said no evidence had been called in order to save the time of the court but Mr. Andrews had stated that the terms between

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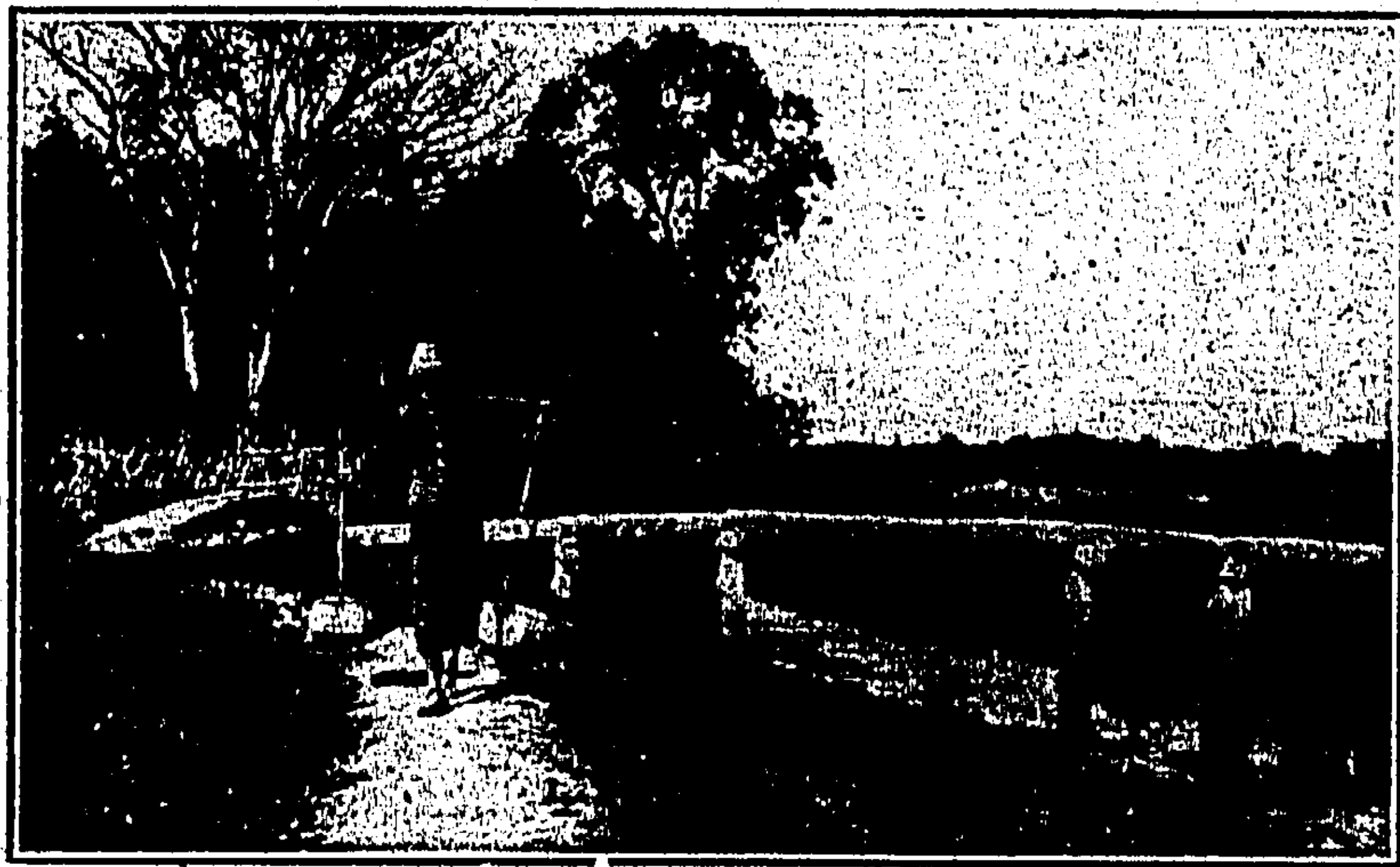
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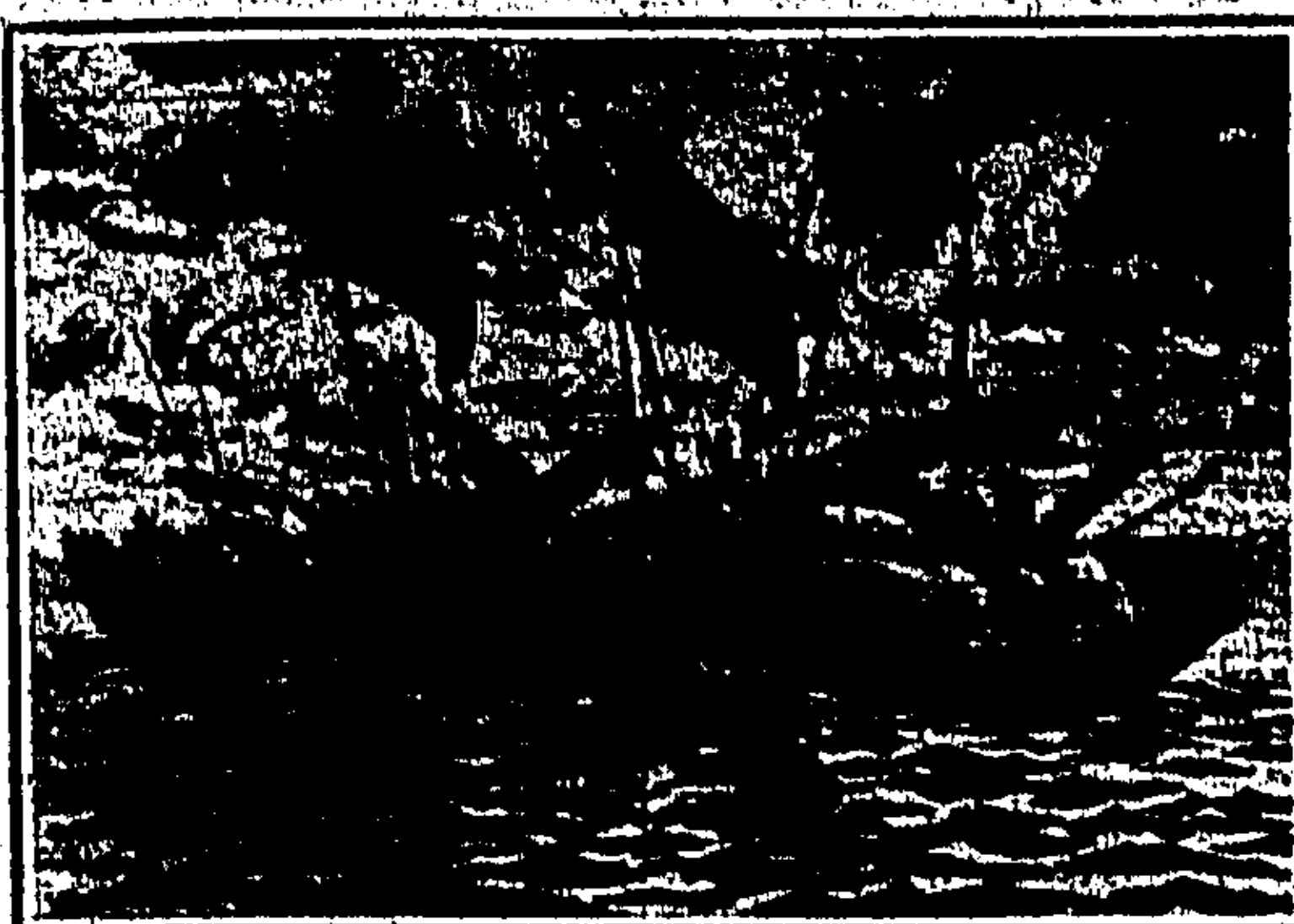
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One part of China which is as the visitor imagines it. A pagoda in the walled city, Soochow.



Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Gladys E. Gue and Lieutenant John J. Wilfong, of the U. S. Navy.



An impression of the huge crowd which assembled round Buckingham Palace recently when His Majesty left for Sandringham. The King is stated to be recovering satisfactorily from his long illness.



"Race Course" was the title of a dance which proved highly popular at the Charity Ball given under the auspices of the Russian Benevolent Society in Shanghai recently.



Inspector Ganly, a popular Shanghai traffic officer, noted for his ever-present smile.



The photograph was taken on Messrs. Bradley and Company's lawn following the Amoy-Swato Interport Match. Five tennis matches resulted in a win for Swatow of three to two, while Amoy carried off the honours in cricket. A supper and dance at the Swatow Club followed.

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- 21980 Lover, Come Back to Me.
- 21701 It Goes Like This.
- 21983 Doing the Raccoon.
- 21983 Huggable Kissable You.
- 21983 Every Moon's a Honeymoon.
- 21983 Honey.
- 22340 Sweet Suzanne.
- 22340 Daddy Won't You Please.
- 22340 Takes You.
- 22055 I'm the Medicine Man.
- 22055 Wouldn't Be Wonderful.
- 22057 I Lift Up My Finger.
- 22057 Laughing Marionette.
- 22057 Baby Oh Where Can You Be?
- 22057 You're Just Another.
- 21021 Mea To Me.
- 21021 That's What I Call Heaven.
- 21983 Under the Russian Moon.
- 21983 One that I Love.
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CINEMA NOTES.

MARY'S FIRST SPEAKING ROLE.

Mary Pickford's all-talking screen version of the Broadway stage success, "Coquette," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day, will mark for her the unique experience of rounding out a cycle of silent-spoken roles which began on the stage and culminate now on the ultra-modern talking screen.

Miss Pickford's first appearance on the legitimate stage was a mute one. She was too young when she made her debut to manage any lines. But in a later stage production she was given lines to speak and became a full-fledged actress of the time. Her first appearance in films was also, necessarily, a silent one. She could talk, but the screen could not. It was the screen's own infancy that prescribed action without words. But now, thanks to the mechanical progress of modern pictures, she can express herself in the double dimensions of sight and sound, for she will talk on the screen in "Coquette."

To hark back to the beginning of Miss Pickford's career, her debut on the legitimate stage took place at the age of five. She portrayed a little boy, as "Cissy" in "The Silver King." This took place also under the auspices of the Valentine Stock Company at Toronto.

As "Cissy," Miss Pickford was just led on the stage by the hand of a big man and determined woman playing the role of the mother. Miss Pickford shook her famous golden curls, now definitely discarded for a ravishing bob in "Coquette," stuck out her tongue at a group of boys, and smiled prettily. Miss Pickford's entrance into the then new experience of motion pictures, came at the close of a Broadway run and extensive tour in David Belasco's production of "The Warners of Virginia," which was written by William De Mille, father of the film directors, William C. and Cecil B. De Mille. D. W. Griffith cast her as a thirteen-year-old girl in "The Lonely Villa," one of the first Biograph two-reelers. Her screen mother was the leading lady, Marion Leonard. James Kiplingwood was the star. He wore a beard so that his stage following wouldn't recognize him, for this was a time when legitimate players sneaked into the movies with a sense of guilt, with a sense of treason to the age-old prestige of the sock and buskin.

"Coquette," as it will be seen at the Queen's Theatre this week, again takes Miss Pickford into a new field. Besides playing an all-talking picture, directed by Sam Taylor, Miss Pickford presents a grown-up role in a romantic tragic story. She appears as a young Southern belle who defies family and convention to revel in poignant romance.

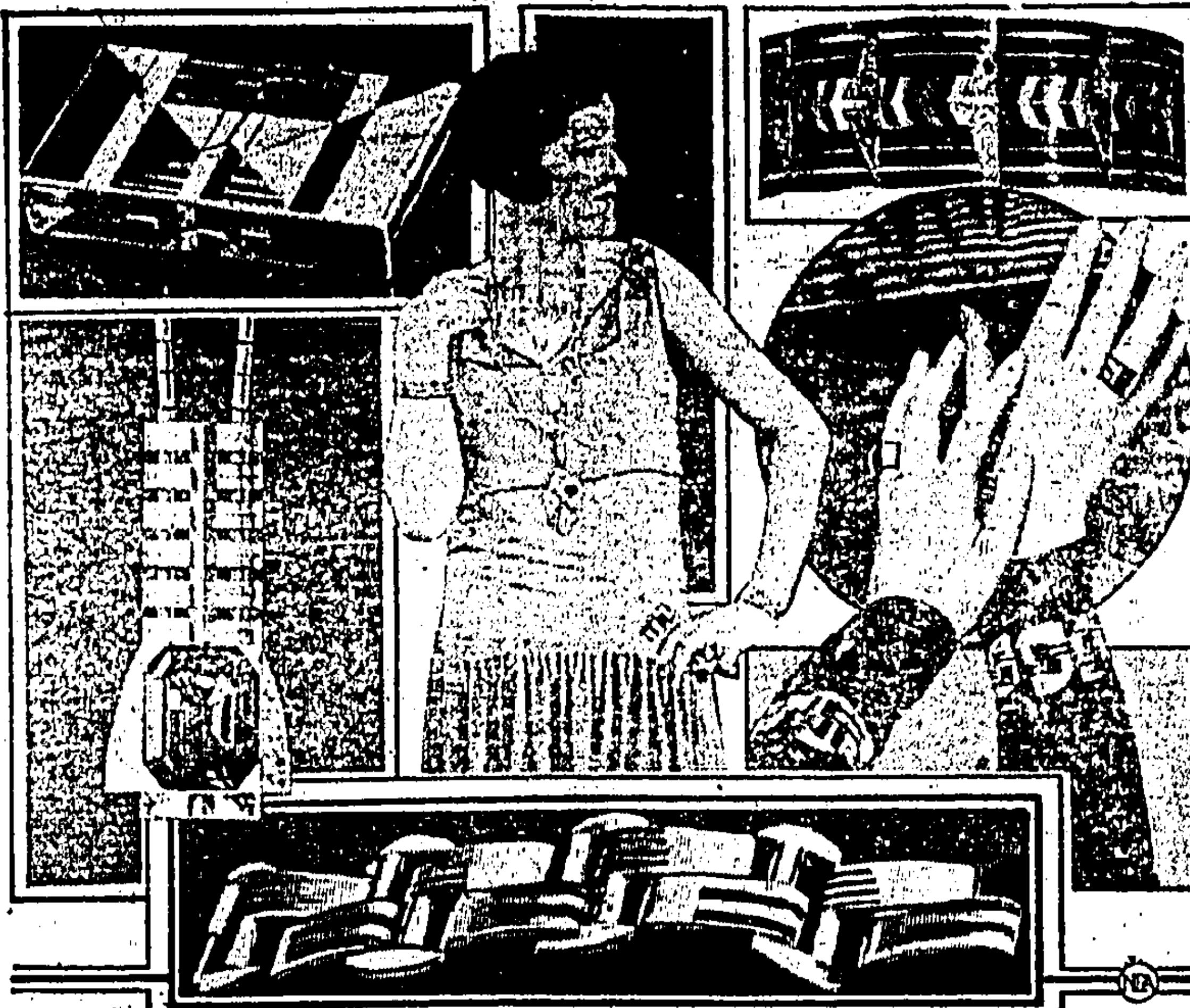


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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Modern Trend Reflected in the New Jewellery.



The modern trend in dress is reflected in new jewellery. There is an exotic ensemble of set to the jewellery shown centre. A cuff, bangle is made of gold with modernistic lacquer work (upper right). Modernistic designs pattern a cigarette case (upper left). A diamond pendant has a 70-carat sapphire (left, centre). Rings and bracelets are "twins" (right, centre). Modernistic links make up an exotic bracelet of gold or silver (below).

Difficult Parents.

MUST NOT EXPECT PERFECT CHILDREN.

A great deal is written about difficult children, but little is said about difficult parents. If these unfortunate children were constantly being criticised in print could express their thoughts on paper, I wonder what they would have to say about their parents?

The greatest fault of present-day parents is inconsistency. And this inconsistency is the direct consequence of their own upbringing.

Brought up in an age when love and understanding were conspicuous by their absence, and children were seen and not heard, they are fully aware of the handicap they started the journey of life with. In their anxiety to give their children a better training life, they perhaps allow them too much liberty.

Modern children express their opinions with absolute freedom. Not only do they express their opinions, but they think nothing of flatly contradicting their elders. Unfortunately they are often right, for modern children live in an age of constant change, and it is second nature to them to adapt themselves to their surroundings.

The reason why modern parents fail is that they are inconsistent. They allow their children to talk, argue, and contradict for a certain length of time, then suddenly their old-fashioned ideas get the better

of them, and they try to suppress their children.

Parents Lose their Tempers.

This treatment naturally irritates the children, and they become defiant. They start reasoning with their parents. Modern children are born reasoners. Unfortunately, their parents' upbringing has not fitted them to cope with the subtleties of their children's minds. They realise this, and weakly lose their tempers, and so place all the winning cards in the hands of their children.

In spite of all, modern children are true blue. They may look upon their parents as quaint old dodos, and be amused at their funny ways, but they love them and are keen to be friendly pals with them, if only they will respond to their overtures.

There have always been naughty children, and there will be till the end of time, but it seems to me that children are not so wantonly mischievous as they were some years ago. Nowadays children's lives are crammed full of interests. They are out to enjoy every moment of their life. Why shouldn't they, if they do their duty?

Modern children, as a rule, are so reasonable, that there is no necessity to thrash them. A quiet talk at night, in my opinion, does far more good. Constant nagging is very bad. It only makes children sulky.

Healthy children, who are surrounded by love and understanding, and who have plenty to occupy their surplus energies, are seldom really troublesome. If only parents would try to be consistent in their treatment and meet their children halfway I am sure the problem of difficult children would soon be solved.

None of us is perfect. Why should we expect to have perfect children?

M. W. In Exchange

Novelties for Golfers.

The popularity of golf has increased so much of recent years that attractive little ceteras are constantly being placed on the market. A keen golfer in any part of the world would be pleased to receive such a little gadget for his favourite hobby from a friend at home.

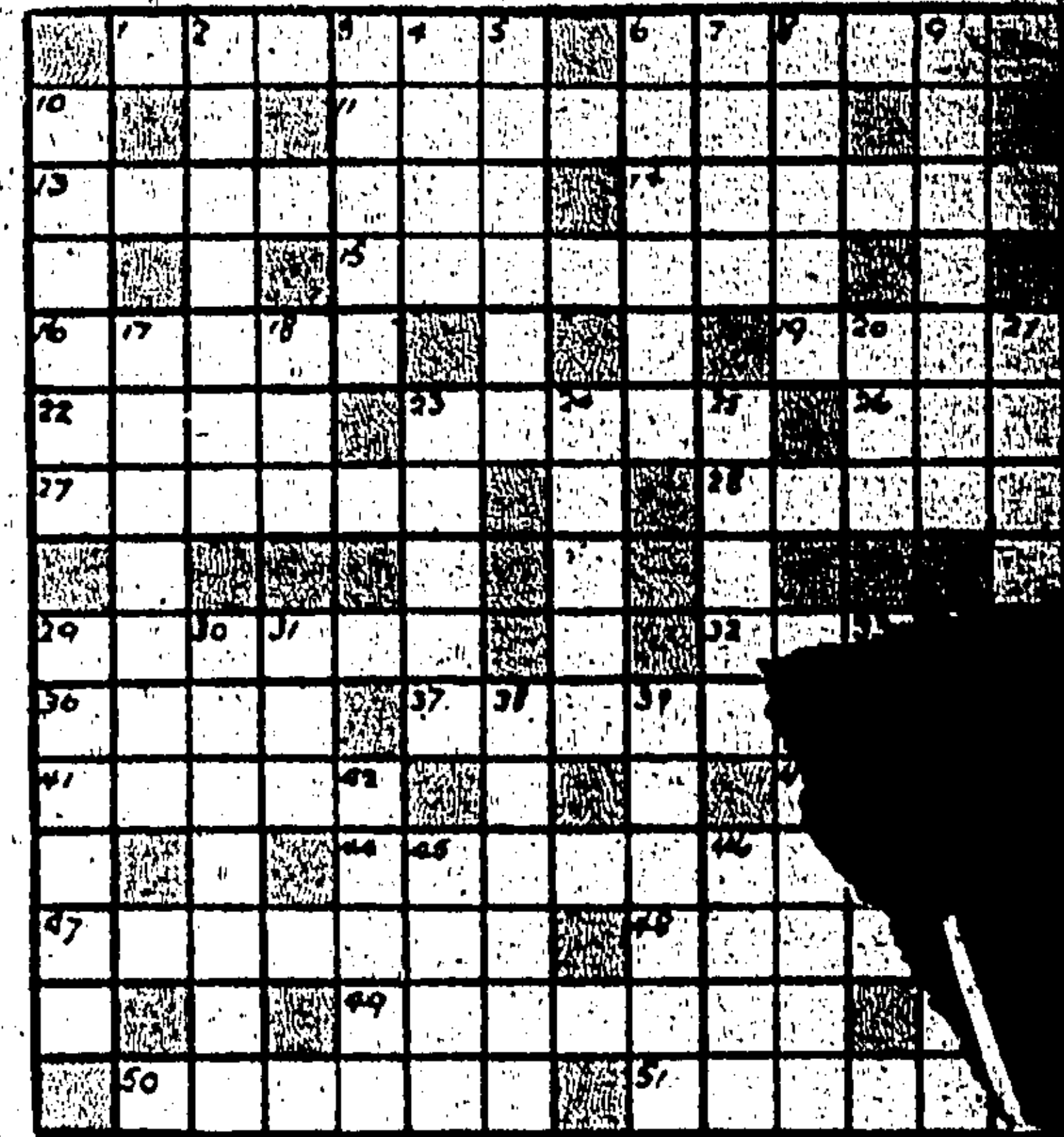
Mascots are seen everywhere nowadays; one is carried by practically every motor vehicle on the road, from the luxury car to the motor-cycle. A very appropriate golf mascot has recently been designed, which is made in a small size to be affixed to a club and in larger sizes for bags. The central design is the Cross of St. Andrew in enamel mounted on silver-gilt, and the fact that the enamel is "non-chippable" makes it of real service.

Those players who like to keep their score with the minimum of trouble and exertion will welcome a wristlet scorer. The little metal contrivance is worn on a strap in the same way as a wrist-watch, and the strap is large enough for the scorer to be worn over a watch. The figures are as easily visible as those on the dial of a watch, and are registered by pressing a small lever.

A scorer for two players is made in Morocco and pigskin, and looks like a pocket-book; the inside is fitted with ivory markers, so that there is no fear of losing a pencil or breaking the point.

A combined scorer and tee holder is obtainable in a neat leather case with 12 coloured erinoid tees, pencil and ivory score-card. The ever-popular zip fastener is now employed for golf ball satchels; one holding 12 balls can be procured for 7s. 6d., and a larger size that costs 10s. 6d. will hold 18 balls, gloves, &c.

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- 22 Whip.
- 23 Prepares for publication.
- 26 Short tail.
- 27 Think highly of.
- 28 Defeated persons.
- 29 Flooding on the surface.
- 32 Open.
- 36 Successfully.
- 37 Sudden heavy flood.
- 40 Design on metal.
- 41 Islands.
- 43 Speak derisively.
- 44 Polish.
- 47 Complete publication.
- 48 Knowledge.
- 49 Maker.
- 50 Harassment.
- 51 Plunders.

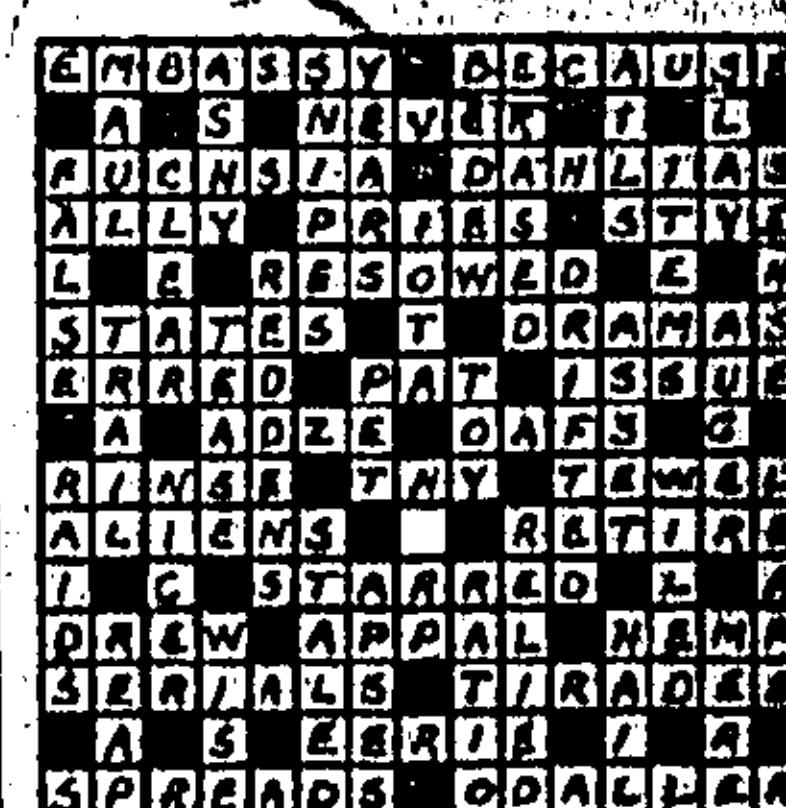
Down

- 2 Reap.
- 3 The ermine.
- 4 Excursion.
- 5 Sprinkled with salt.
- 6 Private.
- 7 Biblical book.
- 8 Marks of a stripe.
- 9 Fiction.
- 10 Durable.

12 Believe.

- 17 East Indian sailors.
- 18 Pronoun.
- 20 Donkey.
- 21 Imprisonment.
- 23 Thrown out.
- 24 Part of the Empire.
- 25 Incline.
- 26 Studded.
- 30 Ringing.
- 31 Reverential fear.
- 33 Number.
- 34 Everlasting.
- 35 Agonies.
- 38 Jollier tools.
- 39 Tying.
- 42 Snack.
- 43 County.
- 45 Knowledge.
- 46 Gael.

Yesterday's Solution.



SAMOAN DANCERS. TWO PERFORMANCES AT STAR THEATRE.

The Samoan Dancers, who have just given two of their delightful entertainments in the Theatre Royal, will give two more in the Star Theatre to-night and to-morrow night. These will be absolutely the last opportunities for the general public of Hongkong and Kowloon to see this unique troupe. On Friday and Saturday nights they are giving two special performances in the Royal Navy Canteen Theatre, but for Service men only; and next week they leave for Haiphong and Hanoi, where they arrive just in time for the Hanoi Fair.

The programmes to-night and to-morrow night will be similar to those just presented in the Theatre Royal. They will be two hours in length, and divided into three parts, the first and last being purely Samoan and Hawaiian, the middle being purely Western. This arrangement brings out the versatility of the two younger girls, and it serves also as a most effective contrast to the Polynesian numbers. The second night's entertainment, as in the Theatre Royal, will have entirely different music. The performances of the Samoans are so refreshing that people return to them again and again; but in bidding good-bye to their many friends in Hongkong, the Samoans want especially to show, as they could not in a single programme, just what they can do.

Appearing with a change of programme, the Samoans at the

WOMAN FOR TRIAL OF LIBEL CHARGE.

"OBNOXIOUS" POSTCARDS

The Hove Magistrate, committed to trial, Elizabeth Ireland, of Eaton-road, Hove, on a charge of publishing defamatory libels on Thomas Cogswell, of the Town Hall, Catford.

Mr. Eric Neve, who prosecuted, said that Miss Ireland alleged that the assessment of her property at Lewisham was wrongfully raised from £42 to £114, and that she had no opportunity of appeal. She protested in the form of obnoxious postcards, some of which she addressed to "Mr. Thomas Cogswell, the dishonest Town Clerk of Lewisham." Mr. Cogswell was not the Town Clerk, but the accountant.

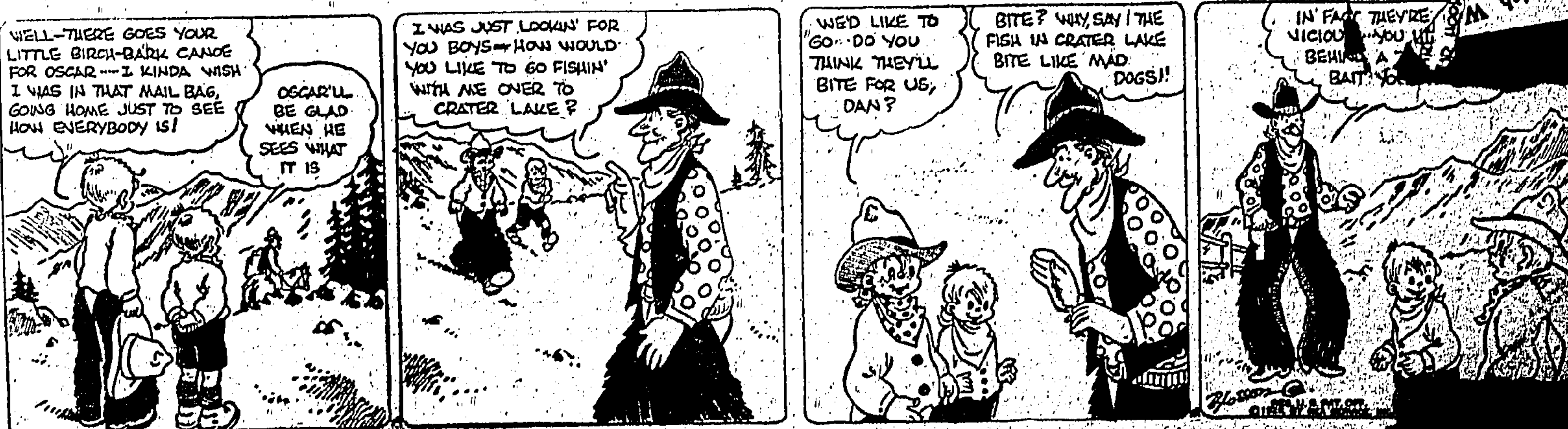
One of the postcards, addressed to "the thief and scoundrel," Mr. Thomas Cogswell, c/o the dishonest Mayor, read: "As you do nothing to stop the Town Clerk swindling me by raising my assessment from £42 to £114, you must be an equally dishonest man."

Theatre Royal last night gave an entertainment, which, for brightness and for the many unusual items presented, could be unreservedly commended to the attention of theatre-goers. Halfway on songs and dances, interspersed with jazzy songs and dances, kept an appreciative audience on thoroughly good terms with the players, and the applause which accompanied every item was of a generous nature.

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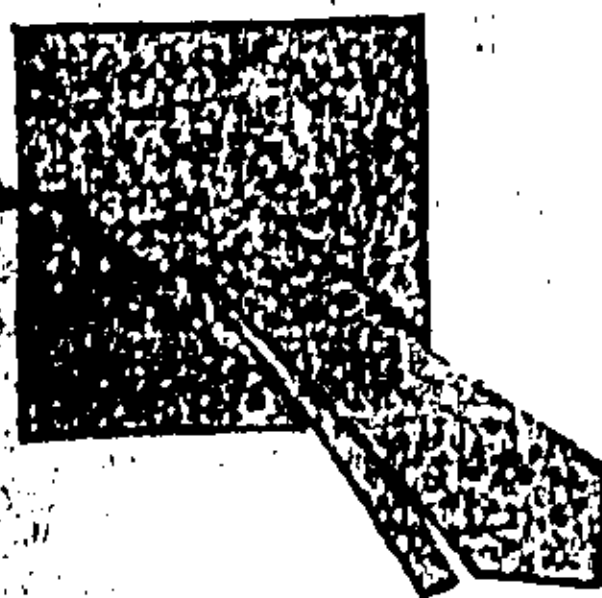
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BIRTH.

COATES.—At the French Hospital, on 1st December, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Coates, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 4, 1929.

THE MUKDEN PUZZLE.

It does not take a great deal of perspicacity to recognise that much dissimulation is going on in regard to the matter of Mukden's acceptance of the Soviet's preliminary terms for the settlement of the C.E.R. dispute. First news of Mukden's compliance with the conditions laid down in the ultimatum of July last came last week in a Tass Agency statement. This was so definite in form that it left no room for doubt that Chang Hsueh-liang had surrendered to Russia. Since then, there have been reports from other sources which have confirmed the fact that Mukden has agreed to the reinstatement of the Russian Manager and Assistant Manager of the Railway and also consented to the restoration of the status quo. The latest confirmation is the report of the settlement of the dispute, although the terms have been slightly modified. The variations, however, are the result of negotiations and represent a concession to China in return for the dismissal of Mr. Liu, the Chinese Chairman of the Railway.

It is interesting, in analysing this question, to recall that nearly two weeks ago information was published in Shanghai, from Japanese sources, that Mukden was about to negotiate with the Soviet direct, but that the report was categorically denied by the spokesman of the Nanking Foreign Office. When, a few days later, the Russian report came through, it did not take long for Dr. C. T. Wang flatly to deny that Mukden had agreed to negotiate independently of Nanking. Now comes the chairman of a body named the Public Enlightenment Committee of Mukden with a denial that the Russian terms have been accepted and an unimpeachable story to the effect that Mukden has only, through the medium of the Nanking Government, "expressed a desire for peace." In the face of such statements, so much at variance with the actual facts; it is small wonder that Mr. Henderson has stated in the House of Commons that it is difficult to ascertain precisely what is happening. Ruling out the obviously blessed declarations, it seems beyond question that Chang Hsueh-liang did agree to the Soviet terms. Whether he did so entirely of his own bat, fearing that Russia's forces would push on to Harbin and then informed Nanking later; or whether he acted with Nanking's cognisance, may one day be disclosed. There are all manner of possibilities in the situation as between Mukden and Nanking, even to the extent of an attempt being made to "double-cross" the Soviet.

This Mukden business is typical of much that happens in Chinese affairs. Again we get, as we have so often had before, spirited denials of unpleasant facts. To take only two relatively recent distortions of actual happenings, there was the story some weeks ago of the Ironsides being decimated; then, from the North, came the tale of Feng Yu-hsiang being a prisoner in the hands of Yen Shi-shan. Not only from the Nationalist side, either, do obvious mis-statements emanate: it is the same with every faction. The truth is made subservient to propaganda. The folly of these methods is apparent, for, in the long run, truth will out. As the saying goes, "facts are chieftains that winna ding."

The Hoover Budget.

President Hoover's first Budget, the preliminary details of which are published to-day, will attract considerable public attention, partly because of the hopes entertained of a complete understanding on naval disarmament, and partly because of the disastrous financial crash on Wall Street. Speculation regarding the possible influence of these not unimportant factors proves, however, to be without foundation. Those who anticipated sensational proposals, drastic cutting of naval and military expenditure, or vigorous measures to combat any possible effects of the Stock Exchange debacle, will be woefully disappointed. The only definite indication that knowledge of the crash has reached the White House is contained in the confirmation of the reduction in income tax recommended by Mr. Mellon. That defensive preparations are considered to be any the less vital in consequence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's visit or the approach of the proposed five-power naval conference, is by no means apparent. On the contrary, naval and military expenditure for next year is placed, at \$346,000,000 (approximately \$170,000,000) representing an increase of \$219,000,000 though it is noted that two new Navy dirigibles, of a size unstated, are embraced in these figures. Nevertheless, it is somewhat surprising to find the United States budgeting for an increase at this particular time. It is an example which most assuredly will not be followed by Mr. Philip Snowden. The United States, which refuses to be embroiled in European diplomacy and maintains an attitude of splendid isolation, now has a defence budget equal to one-fifth the expenditure of the whole world in this direction, the figure being based on a very careful analysis of the armament situation by the London Economist recently. Three new cruisers are to be laid down towards the end of the fiscal year and the Navy also requires a new aircraft-carrier. On the military side, the expenditure shows a minor increase, though an increase of any kind does not fit in with the declaration some few weeks back that all possible economies and reductions were to be effected. President Hoover budgets for a surplus, despite the income tax reduction, and the huge sums to be spent on the farm relief programme, and his fiscal proposals may be summarised as contributing a great more to America's industrial future than to the pacification of the world, an attitude which is probably well founded.

Major E. D. Caddell, of the R.A.M.C., has taken over the position of Hon. Secretary of the United Services Recreation Club from Major Charles, who is due to leave for Home early next year.

DAY BY DAY.

NOBODY CAN HELP BEING BORN STUPID, BUT ANYBODY CAN HELP BECOMING STUPIDER THAN HE WAS BORN.—Lady Helen Forbes.

The P. and O. s.s. Rawalpindi, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. J. M. Alves returned to the Colony on the Asanta Maru.

The P. & O. s.s. Kalyan from Hongkong arrived at London on the 1st December at 10 p.m.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 16th November, arrived at Vancouver on the 2nd December.

Lady Clementi has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to students of the Peak School at the Peak Club on Friday, December 20.

Pleading guilty to a charge of extending the water service without permission, the occupier of No. 113, Leichikoi Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A Sale of Work will be held in St. Stephen's Girls' College, Kwok Siu Lau Hall, by the students of the College and Fairview School, in aid of the Ministering Children's League, to-morrow. Mrs. H. T. Creasy will perform the opening ceremony at 11 o'clock.

On a charge of being in possession of 50 bottles of dead pine branches, reasonably suspected of having been cut from the Government Plantation at Kowloon City, an elderly Chinese woman, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment in default.

An application for a remand for further inquiries to be made was granted by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Inspector Ogg charged a housewife in the employ of Mr. M. H. Large, of 2, Torres Buildings, with theft of \$30 from his master's safe. The defendant was remanded for twenty-four hours.

Fines of \$10 each were imposed on four stall holders of the Sham-shui Market, who were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with causing an obstruction by selling in a place other than at their stalls. It was stated that the defendants obstructed the traffic to other stalls and thus held an advantageous position.

Charges of larceny of a quantity of clothing and money from two coolies in the servants' quarters of Kingsclere Hotel, were brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. On the application of Inspector Ogg, the defendant was remanded for twenty-four hours for further inquiries.

The proprietor of the Peking Hotel, at the junction of Nathan Road and Pakhoi Street, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and accused of allowing his premises to be used for immoral purposes. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution, and Mr. J. T. Prior for the defence. After hearing evidence, the case was adjourned.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 3.
Paris	128.305
New York	4.88 1/16
Brussels	34.87
Geneva	25.12
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Milan	20.38
Berlin	18.125
Stockholm	18.195
Copenhagen	18.205
Oslo	34.87
Vienna	108.105
Prague	194.4
Helsinki	35.195
Madrid	108.25
Lisbon	376
Athens	817
Bucharest	513/16
Rio	46 5/10
Buenos Aires	1/5 1/4
Bombay	2/2 1/4
Shanghai	1/8 1/4
Hong Kong	2/0 8/32
Yokohama	22 7/10
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

—British Wireless.

DEATH OF MR. ANDREW FORBES.

SUCCUMBS AT HOME AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Many of the older residents of the Colony have learned with the utmost regret of the death at Home of Mr. Andrew Forbes, who succumbed in Newbury District Hospital on October 19th as a consequence of being accidentally knocked down by a motor-car.

The late Mr. Forbes, who was 57 years of age, after training for a mercantile career, spent ten years with the firm of Sinclair, Hamilton and Co., of London. He came to Hongkong in 1898 and was for some years a partner in Messrs. Bradley and Co. Later, he took a partnership in Messrs. Harry Welling and Co., and then he started business on his own, with offices in Union Building. He was, during his residence in Hongkong, for some years a Director of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, the British Traders Company and the China Fire Insurance Company.

Some few years ago, he left Hongkong on retirement, but once since he made a brief visit to the Colony. He was a keen and able business man, whilst in social life he was very popular, being a man of sterling worth and an altogether charming personality.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Forbes, as well as for the deceased's daughter, Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, who is a well-known Hongkong resident.

COUNCIL MEETING TO-MORROW.

FIVE NEW BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED.

The Legislative Council is to meet to-morrow afternoon, when the Attorney General will move the first reading of the following Bills:

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

The Attorney General will also move the second reading of an Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921 and of an Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will move the second reading of an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hongkong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order and of an Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927.

POLICE SERGEANT IN TROUBLE.

ACCUSED OF KICKING A WOMAN.

Charge of common assault, in which serious allegations are made, was preferred against P. Shih-hsu, a Shantung Police Sergeant at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham ordered a remand of 48 hours in police custody.

The complainant is Lo Chak, a married woman, aged 50, living in Eastern Street, who alleges that the sergeant attacked her and kicked her in the stomach, causing such a severe injury that she had to be immediately conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, where her condition has given rise to some anxiety. She was unable to attend the Court this morning, and a remand was ordered for two days in order to allow her time to recover.

It is stated that the cause of the trouble was that the woman attempted to hinder the policeman in the execution of his duty, resisting his intrusion into a matter which she considered was purely domestic.

PIGS AND POULTRY.

TWO CHINESE FINED FOR CRUELTY.

Two boatmen, one of them the master, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of importing swine and poultry into the Colony in such a condition as to cause them needless and avoidable suffering.

It was stated that one chicken which had been crowded into a crate was dead, while the pigs were injured about the legs where they had been secured with rope. The master was fined \$10 and the foki \$5.

The Very Idea!

"During 12 hours of every day I have to be what other people want me to be. The rest of the time I can be myself."

"If I married I should have to spend the rest of my time being what my wife wanted me to be."

That, declares Evelyn Graham in a frank and well-informed article in the November *Britannia* and Eve, is the explanation, given by the Prince of Wales himself of why he does not marry.

"But Mr. Graham, who speaks with authority as the biographer of many Royal personages, adds another reason. He says:—

"There are plenty of women who have most of the qualities that he requires. There are plenty whom it would be politic for him to marry. There is none with whom he has yet fallen in love."

"That is why he is still a bachelor."

The writer gives a characteristic sketch of the kind of woman—he has five in mind—who would make a suitable partner for the Prince.

An errand boy asked for a job at a fishmonger's. He could do mental arithmetic, he said so the tradesman put him, through his paces.

"What would 20 pounds of salmon be at 3d. per pound?" was the question.

"Bad," was the reply.

The Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Garbett), in his diocesan magazine, criticises the wearing of coloured stockings by women choristers.

Some of the choir in his diocese, he states, have been supplemented, to their great advantage, by women members, but occasionally insufficient thought has been taken over the dress they should wear.

"The effect of white surpluses over coloured stockings is not, to say the least, very happy," comments Dr. Garbett.

A party visiting the docks in East London saw a dredger at work. The endless procession of buckets fascinated one man. He remained behind whilst the others went on their way.

On their return four hours afterwards he was still there, and he exclaimed, "I've counted 11,963, and I mean to see the last of them buckets if I stay here all night."

When Auntie writes to us we know

That we shall hear a tale of woe
The cat's got eroup, the parrot's dead,
The "help" has gone, and Aunt's in bed.

The Colonel's quarrelled with his wife—
In short, the woes of Auntie's life
Unfold themselves to us when we
Her usual weekly letter see!

We are informed by Miss Daisy O'Keefe that the gross receipts of the Dancing Display given at the Theatre Royal on Nov. 6th and 9th amounted to \$1,285. After deducting all expenses, she intends to forward donations to The Poppy Fund \$50, to the House for the Aged Poor Chinese \$50, and the Blind Home \$50.

WHO WAS....

VIRGINIA?

Virginia was brought up side by side with Paul in Mauritius. The two played games together in childhood, and when childhood days were left behind they became sweethearts, enjoying a courtship that was idyllic in its simplicity and innocence.

They were separated, however, when Virginia was sent to France to be educated at the expense of her aunt, Madame Le Tour, who planned a marriage for her some two years later which Virginia, full of thoughts of her beloved Paul, had no time in rejecting. The maiden was therupon disowned, and sent back, but when the ship was in sight of Mauritius, and Paul in a transport of delight was waving to her from the shore, there came a sudden storm in which the ship foundered. A chance of being saved was afforded Virginia by a naked sailor, but her innate modesty led her to refuse the offer, and later her dead body was washed ashore. Paul died two months afterwards.

This is the story of "Paul and Virginia," an eighteenth century romance by Bernardin de St. Pierre which should be placed in the hands of all boys and girls soon after they reach their teens.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS RULING.

KUOMINTANG NOT TO INTERVENE.

AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE SHOWN.

IMMIGRANT ISSUES.

Swatow, Nov. 30. An interesting attempt on the part of the Nanking Government to adjust rule by the Party to the exigencies of foreign affairs is shown in an order published by the authorities here.

In all executive action relating to foreigners or foreign countries the name of the Party (i.e. the Kuomintang) is to be carefully avoided. The full and sole authority of the Government must be shown. Within the country, however, the Party organisations have direct access to the relative organs of the Government. City branches of the Kuomintang are on a par with the municipal government, district branches with the district magistracies, and provincial branches with the provincial government.

Why the Order?

With what reference these regulations were made it would be interesting to know. That foreign countries would be impatient at the suggestion of direct participation of the Party in international affairs is easily to be deduced from the general distrust of the relation of the Third International with the Russian Government, nor do foreign nations welcome the domination of the Italian nation by the Fascist Party.

In China's recent foreign relations, however, the intrusion of the Party has not been so obvious as in interference with the administration of justice. It is possible that in matters relating to those countries near to China which receive large numbers of Chinese immigrants the activities of the Party are distinct from, and equal to, the Government have been resented.

It is manifestly to the disadvantage of China that her attitude to near neighbours should be defined by the activities of the Party. If for no other reason than that over against a foreign Government the representatives of the Party have no standing, and can be suppressed or expelled without any investigation of the reasonableness or otherwise of such policies as they represent.

Obnoxious Emisaries.

Whether there is any connexion between the activities of Kuomintang emissaries in neighbouring countries and this order or not, it is certain that such emissaries have been making themselves obnoxious recently. Men expelled from Siam, from Annam and from Java have found their way to Swatow, been received there and then have gone to report to Nanking, with what degree of success it remains to be seen. One would think that the Foreign Minister might be embarrassed by their zeal.

Whatever the justice of the agitation they have undertaken, it is not surprising that the Siamese, French and Dutch Governments have resented the organisation of Kuomintang branches in their territories, when they have become centres of criticism of their respective Governments.

Siamese Trouble.

In Siam, the question which has been agitated seems to have been in part the requirements of the Government that teachers in Chinese schools should pass an examination in Siamese or have their place. The Kuomintang representative who took the matter up and has now been expelled from Siam attempted to deal with it partly by agitation and partly by starting a school for training such teachers. At what point he offended the Government is not clear; but one of his activities was to start a newspaper printed bilingually, in Siamese and in Chinese. As he points out in an interview that the Siamese papers depend largely on translation from Western papers, and adopt a deprecative tone towards China, it is not difficult to see how he might get into trouble.

His proposals for the consideration of Nanking include the establishment of a school for the teaching of the Siamese language in Swatow, the provision of hostels and clubs for the use of emigrants on their way to and from Siam in Swatow, Amoy and Hainan, and vigorous action by the Government in taking up Chinese grievances with the Siamese Government.

Java Issues.

The representative from Java was expelled for agitation over a question of registration. The Chinese Consul-General is said to have ordered his nationals to register at the Consulate, while

SWATOW REGION QUIETER.

FEAR OF WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS REMOVED.

COMMUNIST REVERSE.

Swatow, Nov. 30. Some days ago the Military Headquarters found it necessary to put out a proclamation denying the rumours that the 61st Brigade under the command of General Chiang Kwong-nai, was to be moved at once to Canton. Rumour had been busy, and in fact it was expected by the troops themselves that they were to be hurriedly moved, in view of the threat to Canton from Kwangsi.

There is no doubt that conflicting orders were issued. Eventually, however, it became clear that the division was to remain, and the countryside has as a consequence become much quieter.

The alarm coincided with another attempt by Communists on the city of Kaying (Molsien). A slight engagement took place outside the city and a commander of gendarmes was killed. The danger to the city was not great so long as the small garrison remained, but when the rumour went round that the soldiers were to leave, great apprehension spread not only through the city but widely over the neighbouring districts. As the form of the rumour was that the Communist menace was negligible compared with the threat to Canton, it is not surprising that there was consternation.

It is satisfactory that in spite of the situation in Canton and in spite of the number of Communists scattered through the districts, there is at the time of writing a greater feeling of security than there has been for some months. That may be illusory and is certainly but local. The fact, however, that the Communists have suffered a defeat, and that they have found it impossible to shake off the defence force or make headway in new directions has restored confidence and shown that the peril is less than was feared.

Thirty Robbers Shot.

In this connexion the speedy restoration of order in the Kiting district is important. A month ago, banditry was spreading rapidly through the villages, and the Communist force being still undefeated in the north, had characters everywhere were encouraged. At the time there was, too, a weak magistracy in control. That official has been superseded by a new man with an established reputation for dealing with disturbed regions. He is living up to his reputation.

In a few weeks a change has come over the whole district. He has tackled the problem with resolution and promptitude. The result is that without undue fuss and no display of military force he has rounded up the prominent robbers in the main villages, and would-be disturbers of the peace are suddenly deprived of leadership.

In the last few days some thirty of these recent terrorists of the neighbourhood have been put to death in the district city.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Japanese authorities ordered them to register with them. As he puts it, the Java Government tried to persuade the immigrants that it was more profitable to register with them, whereupon he held meetings to expose the wiles of the Government. This suggests that while the registration with the local authorities was effective, that with the Consulate was a means of making money; otherwise, one cannot see why the pressure by the representative should be necessary. His expulsion was, he claims, objected to by the Consul.

As to the position of the Kuomintang in Java, he reports that until the unification of China it was an illegal organisation, but that since then it has been recognised. At the same time the new Consul-General secured a guarantee from the Java Government that Chinese immigrants should be immune from being struck or manhandled by the police.

British Care.

It is probable that there are many things in connexion with Chinese emigration to various countries that need to be carefully watched; in British colonies there are already special means of keeping a paternal eye on Chinese emigrants, and checking abuses to which such a class is obviously open.

Undoubtedly the alliance of any agitation on their behalf with a political organisation which may exert undue influence in the internal affairs of the country concerned is the surest way to prevent any good coming from the agitation. It may be some such consideration that is behind the recent order of the Government that Party and Government activity are not to be confused in foreign affairs.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE POPULARITY CONTEST.

"MISS SHANGHAI" CASE IS QUASHED.

MISS KWOK'S TITLE.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. The perplexing question of deciding the "legality" of Miss "Miss Shanghai" which at one time proved too much for Judge Li Moh at the Provisional Court has been settled, the case being quashed to-day.

The Court was asked to make a ruling on the "legality" of Miss Elsie Kwok winning the popularity contest title by accepting 89,000 votes from another candidate in the last hour of the contest, thus tipping the balance in her favour, and the judge ordered counsel for both sides to attempt to reach a settlement outside of court.

After the contest had been decided in favour of Miss Kwok, some dissatisfaction arose in the ranks of the losing contestants over the award and the question was put to a board of arbitration which also decided in Miss Kwok's favour.

She had the option of winning a motor car on a trip to Hollywood and she chose the former, but considerable difficulty arose in getting the delivery of the car, and the matter dragged on with Miss Kwok being the acknowledged winner of the car, yet not receiving title to it.

There matters rested until eight alleged purchasers of tickets and votes asked the Provisional Court to set aside the ruling of the board of arbitration which decided in favour of Miss Kwok and award the title to Miss Yu Dan-han.

The attempt to settle the matter failed, and when the case was again brought to Court, the judge quashed the action and decided that Miss Kwok's title should stand.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE SOVIET TEA TRADE.

EFFECT OF SINO-RUSSIAN DISPUTE.

BRITAIN BENEFITS.

London, Dec. 3.

One possible development of the Sino-Russian dispute, a redistribution of the tea trade, was discussed in the House of Commons at question-time to-day, when Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, told the House that the data at present available was insufficient to show the effects of the dispute on the imports of tea to Russia.

The trade statistics of the United Kingdom showed that during the three months, August to October, the re-exports to Russia of tea into the United Kingdom from British India and Ceylon were substantially greater than during the corresponding periods of 1927 and 1928.

On the contrary, the Indian and Ceylon trade figures showed that during the three months from July to September, the exports from India and Ceylon directly to Russia were substantially below those for the corresponding period of 1928.—Reuter.

AN OPIUM RAID REVELATION.

SOMETHING NEW IN WAY OF PACKING.

POSSESSOR IN COURT.

That he discovered something quite new in the packing of illicit opium was stated by Revenue Officer Grimmett, when he recounted to Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a raid he carried out at 163, Des Voeux Road, West, on November 2nd, the result of which, was the appearance in the dock of two Chinese charged with having ten tins of raw opium in their possession.

The officer said that he carried out the raid about 8.30 p.m. when he found both of the defendants sitting on a bed in the rear cubicle of the second floor. The second defendant was writing something on a piece of paper. On a chest of drawers, he found a large packet, containing five small packets, in each of which were two tins of opium. They were packed in an entirely new way, the design on the paper being very curious.

He asked the second defendant who the opium belonged to, and he replied that it was the first defendant's. The first defendant then became excited and accused his companion, and the two proceeded to argue at great length. At witness's demand, the second defendant produced a key for the only drawer that was locked, and in it witness found a \$10 bill, together with some \$1 bills and 10 cents pieces. The first defendant admitted that it was his money and later said that they both lived in the cubicle for which they paid \$10 a month.

To the Magistrate, the first defendant said he lived in the cubicle on his own. The second defendant came to visit him on that particular evening and he never slept there. He knew nothing about the opium being in the room, and assumed that it must have been left there by a seafaring friend of his, who had paid him a visit earlier in the evening.

The second defendant also denied all knowledge of the parcel being in the room. The Magistrate decided to commit the first defendant, as he considered that, as tenant of the room, the onus was upon him to show how the opium came into his possession. He would be fined \$300 or three months' hard labour. The second defendant would be discharged, although he thought that he really ought to send them both to prison.

"KID" MARRIOTT AS PROSECUTOR.

CATCHES WORKER WITH STOLEN COPPER.

Mr. Henry ("Kid") Marriott, of the Kowloon Dock Company, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in the role of prosecutor against an odd job worker of the yard who was charged with theft of four pounds of copper.

The defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated by Sergeant Banks that the defendant was arrested by Mr. Marriott as he was about to leave the Dock by one of the launches at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, and, when searched, the copper was found hidden on him. It was thought that the metal had been cut from a pipe on board the s.s. Chak Sang.

The defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

CANTON MILITARY CONFERENCE.

GEN. HO YING-CHING MEETS LOCAL CHIEFS.

PLANNING CAMPAIGN.

Canton, Dec. 3.

An important conference of high military leaders was held this morning at the 8th Route Army Headquarters. Besides General Ho Ying-ching, who was chairman of the conference, those present included General Chua Chai-long, Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Route Armies; Mr. Chiang Puk-shing, Chief of Staff to General Ho Ying-ching; Admiral Chan Hing-wan, Garrison Commander of Bocca Tigris; General Lin Ching-shih, Commander of the Canton Gendarmerie; and many other generals.

The Conference lasted for about four hours. The results are not available, but it is understood that the main object of the conference was to discuss military plans in connexion with the present military campaign. Official circles were very reticent as to the decisions reached, but it is learned that the conference decided to nominate the 3rd Division as main reserves.

Meanwhile General Ho Ying-ching, who has taken over the supreme command of the Canton military, naval and air forces, will establish general headquarters in Canton. The whole staff will number about one hundred.

In an interview granted to the local pressmen after the conference, General Ho Ying-ching stated that his chief duty in coming to Canton is to take charge of the campaign against the Ironsides under General Chang Fat-kwai and the rebellious Kwangsi forces.

It is reported that General Ho will proceed to the North and West River Districts to-morrow for the purpose of inspecting the defence lines.—Nam Chung Po.

SINO-SOVIET PEACE SIGNATURE.

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ing their attention to the provisions of the Kellogg Pact.

It is probable that the Note will be couched in much the same terms as the American, British and French Notes which have already been communicated.—Reuter.

Japan's Deprecation.

Tokyo, Dec. 3.

It is learned officially that Japan has no intention of supporting the Anglo-Franco-American representations to China and Russia, on the ground of the Kellogg Pact.

Official circles apparently feel that joint representations at this stage will hinder instead of help Mukden and Moscow to come to terms. It is suggested here that there are already signs that China is interpreting the Powers' action as favourable towards China, and consequently is stiffening her attitude.—Reuter.

Without Foundation.

Tokyo's fears and the Rengo message appear to be without foundation. The report from Moscow of the settlement of the dispute is in line in the most important particulars with the following cable received last night:

Mukden's Terms.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

A message from Mukden says Chang Hsueh-liang has requested Tani Yun-sheng, the Chinese representative at the Harbarovsk conference, to submit the following points:

Firstly, although the Chinese Government agrees to restore the pre-conflict status of the Chinese Eastern Railway, it deems it necessary to secure a guarantee that the Soviet Government will not use the railway as a base for Communist propaganda.

Secondly, as the deposed Russian manager and assistant manager of the G.E.R. directed such propaganda, China opposes their reinstatement.

Thirdly, should the Soviet Government agree to the above conditions, the Chinese Government will dismiss the officials who caused the dispute.

Fourthly, the prisoners held by China and by Russia shall be liberated.

Fifthly, the forces of both countries shall be withdrawn to a specified line within the frontier.—Reuter.

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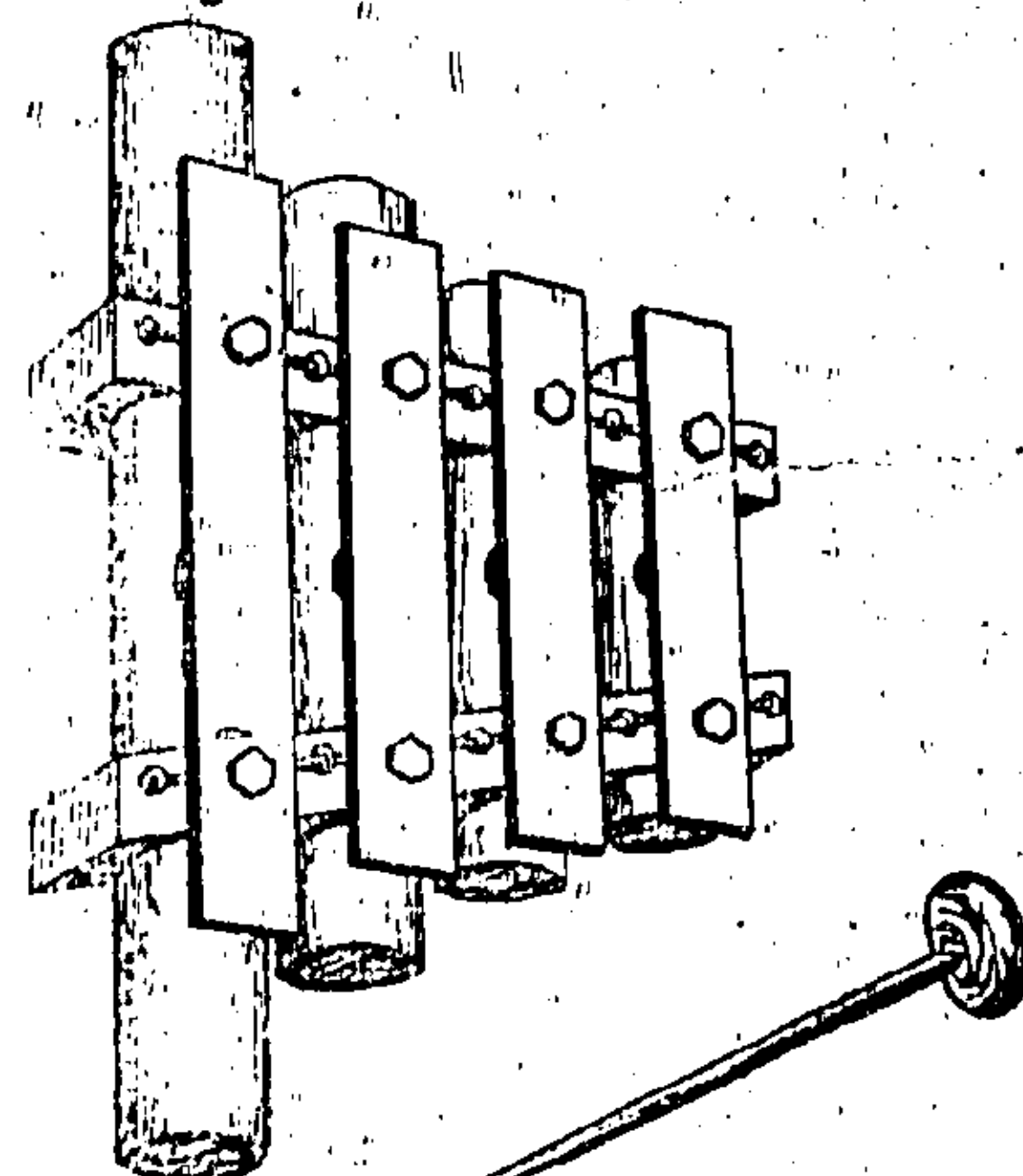
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FINAL WORK-OUTS.

PUBLIC INVITED.

[By "Wanderer."]

Something of an innovation has been arranged for boxing fans keenly interested in the big boxing tournament coming off on Saturday night. The principals in the two main events of the evening, the heavyweight and welterweight championships of the Colony, complete their training to-day and to-morrow and an opportunity is being afforded the public of witnessing their final work-outs.

The "Cornwall" camp, in which Leading Stoker Mann, the heavyweight contender, and A. B. Jock Creighton, Morrish's opponent, are to be found, round off their preparations to-morrow.

A. B. Rowles, the L.S.B.A. light-heavyweight champion, and champion of the China Squadron, trains with Leading Stoker Morrish, who defeated his opponent of Saturday night, in the final of the China Squadron Welterweight championship (in a three rounds contest). Rowles will show his paces to-night with A. B. Ewin as his sparring partner.

The most convenient time for seeing them at work at the V.R.C. both to-day and to-morrow is round about five o'clock.

Anyone with a shadow of doubt regarding the quality of the sport to be provided at the Boxing Association's first venture of the season should certainly go along. I fancy he will be thoroughly satisfied unless he possesses the strange temperament which prevents its owner from being satisfied with anything.

The Association last night announced three six-round contests in support of the two fifteen-round championships events.

Marine Fraser, a former holder of the Hongkong welterweight championship belt, will meet A. B. Clayton, a more than useful performer off H.M.S. Berwick, at the welterweight limit.

"Kid" Campbell, a local welterweight boxer, as well as a useful soccer player, will find him in opposition to A. B. Lee, of H.M.S. Sepoy.

Private Hume, of the R.O.S.B., whose ability to put up a great fight whatever the opposition has often been demonstrated, is to meet Leading Signaller Wells, H.M.S. Marazion.

The programme loses nothing in attractiveness by the announcement of the preliminary events, that is obvious. If the support at present forthcoming continues, late-comers will find the "Full House" notices up. One request has been made for the booking of a block of a hundred and fifty seats.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

SOMERSETS JUST WIN OVER NAVY.

A very well-contested game on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, between the Navy and the Somersets, resulted in the latter winning by three goals to two. From the first bully-off to the final whistle the game was fast and even. Teams:

Navy.—L. Woods; F. O. Webb, A. B. Lissett, L. A. C. Harris, Surg. Cdr. Freer, Lt. Fenton, Lt. Evans; F. O. Wallace, Lt. Magray, Lt. Stevenson, Lt. Smallwood.

Somersets.—Hayward; Crawley, Martin; Leigh, Major Philby, Capt. Strachey; Lt. Evans, Hall, Denmead, Phillips, A. N. Other.

For the opening ten minutes, play was confined to midfield, the defences being too strong to be penetrated by the forwards, but the Somersets finally got down to the Navy line, where two corners were forced. These were quite easily cleared by the Navy, and some fast end-to-end play ensued, the ball travelling quickly from one circle to the other. After a good run by the Navy on the left, the scoring was opened by Lt. Smallwood with a good shot. The Somersets attacked right from the centre bully-off, and Captain Strachey got in a fine shot from a very sharp angle. Even, though

GARRISON NEWS.

H.M.S. BERWICK CROSS- COUNTRY RACE.

The cross-country team race organised by H.M.S. Berwick for the Cup presented by Lt. Cdr. Woolerton and Lt. Dalson, was run last Sunday at Tolo. The course was over some rough country, and was about four miles and a thousand yards long. Some good times were put up, the winner coming in in 27 minutes, 50 seconds.

Very good team-work was put up by the Forecastle, who had their six men home in the first twelve. Seven teams completed, Forecastle being an easy first with 211 points, the Top-men being next with 168, and E. R. third with 131 points. The latter had three good runners who obtained 107 points between them, and, had the other three got somewhere the front, the score would have been much closer to the leaders.

The first fifteen home will represent the Berwick in the "Titania" Cup, the race for which is shortly to be held.

Inter-Command Move.

Captain and Quartermaster W. B. Thorpe, R.A.S.C., has sailed from Shanghai on s.s. Fengtien, on posting to Tientsin for duty.

Football Match.

The 20th (H) Battery, R.A., failed to improve on their losing sequence in a match against "B" Company, S.L.I., at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, in the Hongkong Area Football League. The Somersets were too strong for the Gunners, and won by seven clear goals. S/Sgt. O'Flaherty, R.A.M.C., refereed the game, the teams turning out as under:

20th (H) Bty. R.A.—Goodson; Rabson, Bacon, Corst, Dunning, Harris; Koerner, Dean, Dryden, Wood, Leary.

"B" Coy., S.L.I.—Reano; Donovan, Leyshon; Cornelius, Hulsh, Townsend; Rendall, Hicks, Savigar, Sennett, Cotton.

The Gunners kicked off to a fast start, but the Somersets were the first to attack, and Hicks narrowly missed scoring soon after the commencement.

The Somersets got going and Hulsh sent over a good pass to Cotton, who centred to Savigar, but Bacon intercepted the pass and got the Artillery forward line going again, being first in forcing a corner, but Donovan cleared the kick well, repeating himself a moment or two later, when another corner was obtained by the Artillery from a free-kick.

Another free-kick to the Gunners also resulted in an unproductive corner.

Hicks missed a splendid chance, with only Goodson to beat, but the first goal was only postponed a few minutes, Cotton running in on the left and centring to Savigar, who shot past Goodson with a rising ball.

The Cotton-Savigar combination again got away from the kick-off, the latter heading in Cotton's fine centre, with Goodson unable to get near the ball.

The Gunners could not keep the Somersets out at this stage, and Cotton scored a goal from a header. Following on some midfield play, the Artillery managed to get nearer to the Somerset line, but a stout defence prevented them doing more than look dangerous. Close on half-time, Rendall got away on the right and sent in a fast low shot that Goodson could not stop.

Exchanges were fairly even at the re-start, but the Somersets gradually drew out from the Gunners through superior combination.

Rendall ran down on the right for the Somersets, but Bacon cleared, and relieved the pressure, though only for a minute, when Hulsh sent a pass to Savigar, who shot from close range, giving Goodson little chance to save. The latter was besieged, and had hard work to clear good drives from both Cotton and Savigar. A break-away on the part of the Gunners' front-line was unsupported, the halves remaining too far back, and the Somersets got to the goal-mouth again, where Savigar headed in from a scrimmage.

Another break-away by the Artillery came to naught, and just before the end of the game, Savigar scored his fifth goal of the match after Cotton had made the opening.

The Somersets won the game through their better combination and understanding, and by taking advantage of the opportunities only too often presented by the Gunners. The latter's forwards had made some good runs, but poor team-work, and bad positioning, prevented them from having many chances of scoring.

very fast, play was then the order, with no further score before half-time.

The same pace was set after the interval, from an attack by the Somersets, in which all forwards took part. Hall sent in a hard drive, which Woods cleared, but Denmead got in a second shot to score. This same player obtained a third goal for his side shortly afterwards, from a good pass by Evans.

In spite of being two goals down, the Navy played up hard, and, after good play on the left, Smallwood got through again, and the Senior Service kept up the pressure. In the last ten minutes they should have equalised, but, instead, and wild hitting in front of goal wasted numerous chances.

LIGHTER REPAIR DISPUTE.

A BILL FOR EXTRA WORK
REPUDIATED.

CLAIM FOR \$1,000.

A dispute over payment for extra work done and materials supplied for repairing the lighter Chung Lee resulted in an action being heard before the Pui-sue Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Summary Court this morning.

Tsang Kau, otherwise known as Tsang Kau-kee, No. 33, Fook Chuen Hong Street, Shamshui, ship repairer, sued the Mi Yuen Chung Kee and Yiu Yuen, whose address was given as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1221, opposite No. 681, Shanghai Street, Mongkok-tai, shipowners, for \$1,000. Plaintiff alleged that the balance due was \$1,426.47 but waived the \$400 odd to bring the action within Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jnr., was for plaintiff and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall defended.

Mr. Rendall indicated that he represented both defendants and admitted partnership, but disputed the claim as a whole.

In outlining his case, Mr. D'Almada said that on February 15, 1929, Yiu Yuen approached plaintiff and requested him to give an estimate for the repairs. Ten days later, the estimate was submitted, the final terms were agreed and Yiu Yuen signed the estimate, thereby signifying his agreement. Work was started on March 5, plaintiff supplying materials from time to time, and Yiu Yuen was occasionally present when the work was in progress.

Continuing, Mr. D'Almada stated that on March 25 plaintiff was told there would be extra work which was pointed out. The original contract was finished on April 12 and the extra work on June 5. Plaintiff rendered his bill on June 6, of which various sums had been paid on account.

In indicating the defence to his Lordship, Mr. Rendall admitted the estimate was correct, but said that the extra work was not ordered by Yiu Yuen. That work was done by the defendant, who also supplied the materials but he employed the plaintiff who, it was agreed, should accept piece-work rates. Actually, said Mr. Rendall, there was a small balance of \$31 according to defendant's figures due to plaintiff, but defendant had set that amount off as damages for overtime on the contract, because it was not completed on due date. There was no written contract for the extra work, but there was a verbal agreement between the parties.

The case was adjourned until Friday week's list.

REFUSAL TO TAKE MAILBAGS.

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Chinese firm at Wuchow and the agents there for the Kam King S.S. Company of Hongkong, who are the owners of the vessel.

On making enquiries through my purser, the Manager of the Man On Company stated that a few years ago the then Chinese Government forced them to sign a contract to carry mails which has no stated time limit. At the time the vessel, I think, was being operated by another Company between Wuchow and Canton under the Chinese flag, in which case they had no redress. But when the Company was returned and the vessel put under the British flag in 1926, I take it that that contract was no longer valid, as I believe that a foreign firm in a foreign country has not the power to make contracts for a British vessel carrying mails out of a British port, they not being the owners of the vessel. But even if this is so, and the contract is valid, then the onus of responsibility must rest on the firm or person paid by them and not on the master of the vessel who they expect gratuitously to take charge of the mails which they have agreed to carry whether by force or of their own free will.

Risk of Fine.

If this is not the case, I am being forced to take the risk of being fined anything up to \$500 for loss or damage for no recompense whatever. I have known cases where masters have been heavily fined but in those cases they were paid for what they carried.

I have been verbally told that the big companies have agreed to carry Chinese transport mails free. To those wealthy companies it is a mere nothing and a fine would not hurt them, but the Sunning is a small ship Company and the mails are left to the Master, so in case of loss or damage, I could not expect them to pay a fine, as the big concerns undoubtedly would. So I should be held responsible, and I do not think it a fair thing.

I would carry the mails with pleasure if the Chinese Post Office and a Hongkong G.P.O. will give me a written statement that I shall have no fines levied on me in case of damage or loss.

The Acting P.M.G. said he would rather like to go into this

BRITISH MASTER CHARGED.

ALLEGED OFFENCES UNDER
SHIPPING ORDINANCE.

CHANGES IN CREW.

Capt. Charles Alexander, at present master of the s.s. Yatshing, which arrived in port at about 8.30 a.m. to-day, was this morning charged before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court for allegedly having committed four offences against the Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

The charges against him were: (1) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwai-sang did wilfully and wrongfully leave behind in the Colony Harold Vittol King, a seaman belonging to the s.s. Kwai-sang, before the completion of the voyage for which the last-mentioned seaman was engaged, in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(2) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwai-sang did unlawfully discharge a seaman, Harold Vittol King, without the sanction of the Harbour Master and without due provision made for his subsistence and maintenance in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(3) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwai-sang did unlawfully discharge a seaman, Harold Vittol King, elsewhere than at the Mercantile Marine Office without the sanction of the Harbour Master, in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 8 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

(4) That on July 24, 1929, you being the Master of the s.s. Kwai-sang did without the sanction of the Harbour Master unlawfully ship Albert Dunn, a seaman, to do duty on board the s.s. Kwai-sang elsewhere than at the Mercantile Marine Office, in contravention of Section 5, Sub-section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the defendant and asked for a remand, saying that the defendant's vessel had only just arrived in port.

His Worship agreed and fixed the hearing for Saturday morning.

ADOPTED SON A NUISANCE.

ALWAYS GETTING INTO
TROUBLE.

That he was constantly running away from home and doing everything but the right thing, was the description applied to a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of larceny of ten pieces of clothing belonging to his father, Mr. Leung Yin-tin, proprietor of the Steam Laundry, in Dundas Street.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Detective Sergeant Fowle said that on Monday last the complainant reported the loss of the clothing, and, following inquiries made by detectives, the defendant was arrested. At the time of his arrest, he was wearing one of the coats and later gave the police assistance in recovering other of the stolen articles.

In reply to his Worship, the complainant said that the defendant was his son by adoption. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB TO MEET BERWICK
AND CORNWALL.

Owing to the Club ground being required for Soccer Interport trials on Wednesday, December 4th and 11th, there will be no Rugby matches on those days. Instead, the Club 1st XV will be playing on Saturday, 7th, against H.M.S. Berwick, and on Saturday, 21st, against H.M.S. Cornwall, while a further match will probably be arranged for Saturday 14th.

It is hoped that all who have so enthusiastically supported the mid-week games this season will find time to get down on the Saturdays mentioned.

Club v H.M.S. Berwick on Saturday, December 7th, 2.30 p.m.—Back, O. Skinner; Threequarters, L. Goldman, M. D. Scott, G. A. L. Plummer, G. P. Lammert; Halfbacks, I. A. Ross, W. J. Clerk; Forwards, D. L. Milne Day, A. D. Suttill, R. P. Moodie, P. R. Burch, T. Riddell, E. R. West, W. E. Peora, B. P. Massey.

correspondence, of the receipt of which he had had no recollection. He would like an adjournment. The summons was adjourned sine die; the Acting P.M.G. informing Captain Smith that he would be communicated with if the case came up again.



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PROHIBITION FAILS. FINNISH GOVERNOR'S INDICTMENT.

Heisingfors, Oct. 25.
General Jalander, Governor of the Province of Nyland, in which the capital is situated, has published in the Press a severe criticism of the prohibition law in Finland, which he says is responsible for the appalling increase in hoodlums and general corruption in the country.

He declares that although most members of Parliament have supported prohibition, it has not secured the support of the majority of the population. Liquor is abundant in every part of the country, and nobody considers it his duty to assist the authorities to enforce the law. In conclusion General Jalander says the sooner that dreamers honestly admit that prohibition has failed, the better for the country.

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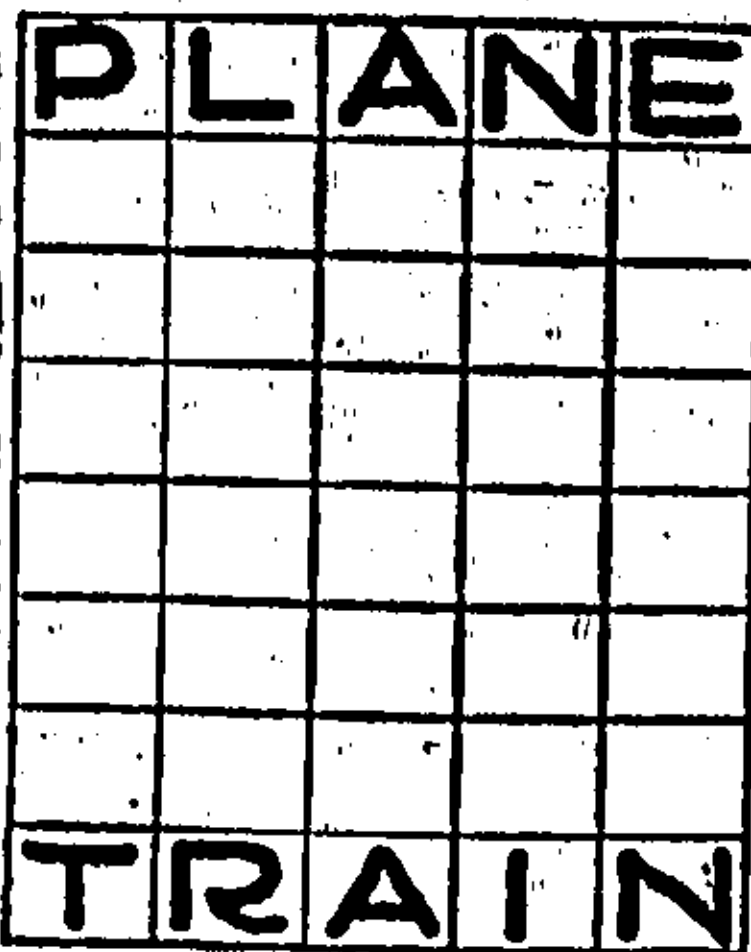
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 - 3.—You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
 - 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
- One solution is printed on another page.

AMERICAN STEEL.

BETHLEHEM COMPANY IN
BIG AMALGAMATION.

New York, Dec. 3.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, following in the footsteps of its rival, the United States Steel Corporation, has entered a big amalgamation scheme whereby it extends its operations in the far west of America, acquiring property and assets of the Pacific Coast Steel Company and the Southern California Iron and Steel Company, with a steel ingot capacity of 380,000 tons annually. —*Reuter's American Service.*

PROVISIONAL COURT.

CHINESE PROPOSALS FOR CONFERENCE.

Nanking, Dec. 3.

It is announced that the Chinese Commissioners have set December 9 as the opening date for the Sino-foreign conference relative to the reorganisation of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

It is stated that notifications to that effect are being despatched to the foreign delegates concerned, most of whom are in Shanghai.

It is understood the Japanese delegates will not participate.

The Chinese Commissioners are stated to have decided to propose that the Provisional Court shall be converted into a purely Chinese judicial organ. —*Reuter.*

TELEGRAPH LOAN.

CHINA'S TERMINATION OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

Nanking, Dec. 3.

In connexion with the proposed Telegraph Loan of ten million dollars, it is learned that three million will be used to construct radio stations, and four million for the settlement of obligations to the Great Northern and Eastern Extension Telegraph Companies in order that the special privileges granted to them may be terminated. —*Reuter.*

HUGE FRENCH PRIZE.

COSTE AND BELLONTE MAY GET MILLION FRANCES.

Paris, Dec. 3.

Coste and Bellonte are prospective winners of the "Government prize of a million francs to be awarded to any French airman who, with French material, breaks the world's long distance record before the end of the year." —*Reuter.*

EMPLOYER SUED.

CHAUFFEUR'S OBJECTION TO ILL-FITTING UNIFORM.

Nanking, Dec. 3.

An Indian chauffeur, who refused to wear his peak-cap on the ground that the rest of his uniform did not fit him and was discharged in consequence, sued his former employer in the Summary Court before the Peking Judge yesterday in a claim for wages due, but failed to establish his case. Plaintiff, Mohan Singh, No. 150, Wanchai Road, second floor, sued Mr. E. G. Artega, Alexandra Building, claiming \$90 wages for November and December, this year, less \$22 paid, leaving a balance of \$68. Plaintiff conducted his own case and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, defended.

Giving evidence, plaintiff said he was engaged by defendant in either May or June, this year, on a monthly contract, his starting salary being \$40 per month which was raised to \$45 in November. He said he was discharged on November 18 and was paid \$18. As he had already received an advance of \$5 the amount he had actually received was \$23.

His Lordship said that payment for 18 days service would be \$27 but plaintiff denied that he received that amount. When his Lordship pointed out that plaintiff's claim on the writ set out that \$22 had been paid, plaintiff said the writ had been drawn up by a Chinese friend and that sum was a mistake as it should have been \$18.

Objection to Cap.

In cross-examination by Mr. D'Almada, plaintiff agreed that defendant had told him to wear his proper cap but he had objected on the grounds that he could not wear his uniform because it did not fit. Plaintiff agreed that he was given a new cap which did fit but said that the uniform was not altered and he would not wear his cap until he could also wear his uniform.

Plaintiff further agreed that on November 18 he drove to town without his cap but denied that a conversation took place between himself and defendant through the medium of a Chinese interpreter. An interpreter was not present, he said, and he conversed with defendant directly in English.

Kam Chung-lee, private secretary to defendant, said he was present in the office on November 18 and acted as an interpreter between defendant and plaintiff. Defendant told plaintiff at that meeting that as he would not wear his cap he could look for another job and plaintiff replied that he did not wish to remain in defendant's employ any longer. Plaintiff further said that he wanted to go away at once but defendant told him he would have to stay until the end of the month.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that on November 18 arrangements were made by which the contract of service was cancelled by mutual agreement and that defendant had received \$22 plus \$5 in advance, making \$27 pay for 18 days. Judgment would be given for defendant with costs.

SOUTH POLE FLIGHT.

COMMENT AND CRITICISM.

New York, Dec. 3.

Comdr. Byrd's South Pole flight is described as a "speculation in sensations" by Major Gran (a member of Scott's expedition in 1910) who writes in a Copenhagen newspaper. "Only money now is required to become a Polar explorer." He suggests that Byrd's reports does not inspire confidence. It would be a miracle if Scott's and Amundsen's claims, to which Byrd's report referred, were still visible from the air, while Byrd's "terrible mountains" are fantastic. The *New York Times*, replying to Gran's criticisms, says none of its despatches mentioned Byrd's traces of claims. The mountains aforementioned were reported between degrees eighty-six and eighty-seven South, of which Byrd speaks of seeing an "almost limitless plateau," thus Gran is correct in assuming there are no ranges south of eighty-eight degrees. —*Reuter's American Service.*

LOCAL RADIO.

MUSICAL BROADCAST FOR TO-NIGHT.

A musical programme will be broadcast to-day and to-night from Station ZBW. The English records consist of varied selections, while a good programme of Chinese records will be broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The programme is given below:

- 6.00-6.00 p.m. Gramophone records:
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Part 5: Rondo (first half) (Lalo; Op. 21) and Part 6: Rondo (completion) Lalo; Op. 21).
Leo Strockoff and Orchestra.
"The Pines of Rome," (Respighi), The Milan Symphony Orchestra.
"Sea Rapture," (E. Hulme Beaman and Eric Costes).
"Sweet Phyllis," (Lily Strickland), William Heesline with Orchestra.
"The Five O'clock Girl—(Happy go lucky bird, Fox Trot)," (Who did? You did, Slew Fox Trot), (Kalmus and Ruby), Fox Trot. The Piccadilly Players.
"La Paloma," (the Dove), (Yradier), "La Golondrina," (Serradell), Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.
"Round about a Wood," (Thos. Morley), (Sleep, Gentle Lady), (Planche and Bishop), (Mendelssohn and Salisbury Singers).
"Pleading (Morceau De Concert)," (Haydn Wood).
"Devotion (Melodie Passionnee)," (A. W. Keteley).
Organ Solo by Terence Casey.
"Oberlaus-Mazurka," (H. Wieniawski), "Moment Musical," (Schubert—Kreislery), Violin Solo by Manuella.
"Melodie," (Gluck—Kreislery), "Rondino," (Beethoven—Kreislery), Violin Solo by Yelli D'Arny.
"Dawn of To-morrow Waltz," (Graville and Green), "Polly, Novelty Fox Trot," (Zancinick).
Fred Rich and His Hotel Astor Orchestra.
6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese records.
7.48 p.m. Weather report.
9.00-10.30 p.m. Gramophone records:
"The Music Box Revue—Selection Part 1 and 2," (Berlin), London Theatre Orchestra.
"Otherwise She's Mother's Kind of Girl," (Squiers and Barker), "A Tale of Old Times—Monologue," (N. Long and L. Pounds), Norman Long.
"Romance," (Claude Debussy), "Les Cloches," (Cello Solo by W. H. Squire), "Son of Mine," (from "Freebooter Songs"), (W. Wallace), "The Rebel (from "Freebooter Songs"), Kenneth Walters.
"Paul Jones—Selection Part 1 and 2," (Planquette), London Symphony Orchestra.
"Evening Song," (Schumann, Op. 83, No. 12 Willkie), "Après Un Reve," (Faure), Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado.
"If you want the Rainbow, you must have the rain—Fox Trot," Ben Selvin and His Orchestra.
"My beautiful Rose (Mia Bella Rosa) Fox Trot," (Kochler and Magin), The Benson All Star Orchestra.
"Etude in C Sharp Minor Part 1 and 2," (Chopin, Op. 25, No. 7), Pinnoforic Solo by Harriet Cohen.
"A Pleading," (Tchaikowsky, arr. Tertis), "Three Sketches—No. 3 the River," (Lionel Tertis), "Violin Solo by Lionel Tertis.
"Aida—Ritornel Victor, Part 1 and 2," (Verdi), Eva Turner.
"Ballyhooley Races," (John O'Leary and Billy Grey), "Christening O'Sullivan's Child," (John O'Leary and Billy Grey), Talbot O'Farrell and Charles Penrose.
"She's Got 'It' Fox Trot," (Davis, Akst and Gilbert), "I Fell Head over Heels in Love Fox Trot," (Thayer and Parsons), Fred Rich and His Hotel Astor Orchestra.
"Orpheus with His Lute," (Shakespeare—Sullivan), "Danny Boy," (Weatherly—Londonderry Air), "The Wedding of Maggie Malone," (O'Leary), "Fat Men are Wonderful," (O'Leary), Talbot O'Farrell with Orchestra.
"Il Trovatore—Ah, Si Ben Mio," (Verdi), "Il Trovatore—Di Quella Pira," John O'Sullivan.
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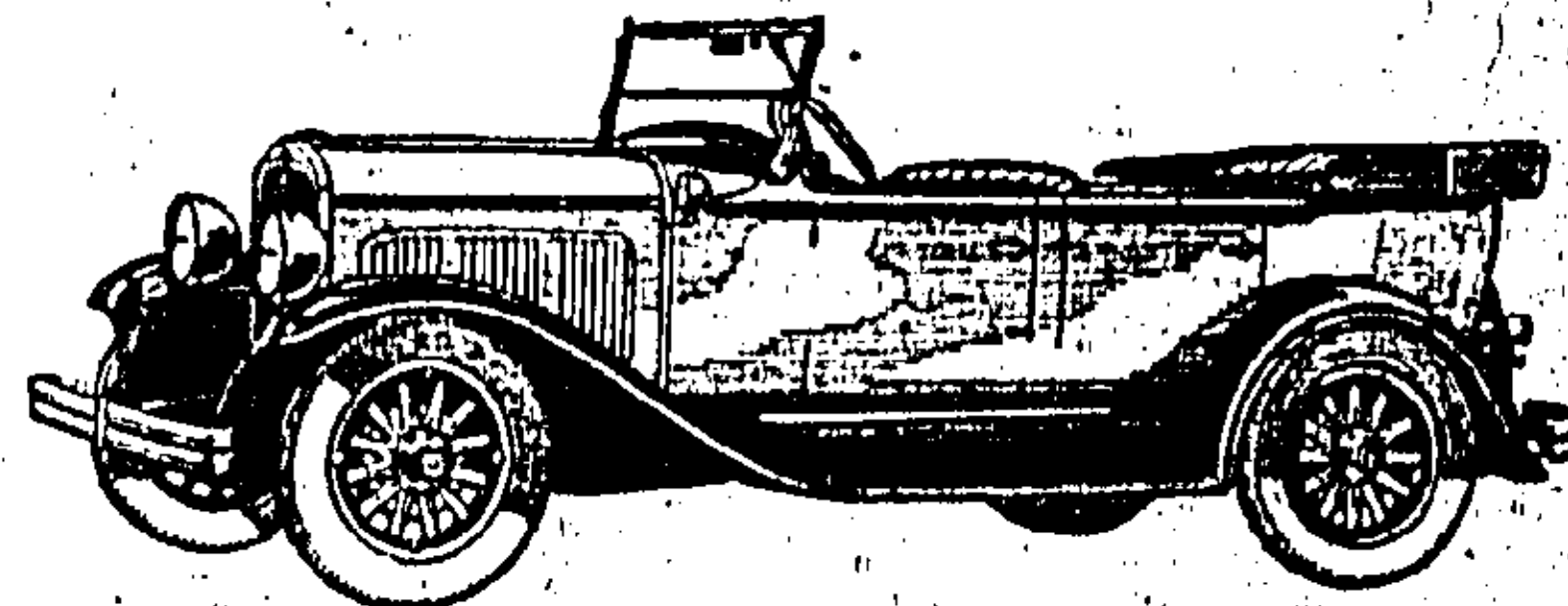
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INFERIORITY COMPLEX IN HEROINES.

At the meeting of the English Association held yesterday evening at 6.30 in the Cathedral Hall, the chair was taken by His Excellency the Governor, President of the Association. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted, His Excellency called upon His Honour Sir Henry Gollan to deliver his address on Charlotte Bronte.

Sir Henry Gollan prefaced his remarks by saying that often the study of an author's private life is immaterial to the study of his works, but that the life of Charlotte Bronte is of great importance for the understanding of the passion in that author's writings, and of the inferiority complexes found in all her heroines with the exception of Shirley, who is saved by her happier surroundings. The other heroines expect unhappiness and are pathetically grateful for the smallest alleviations, even for a man. If we did not know of Charlotte's life at a charity school, her difficult experiences as a governess, of the tragedy of her brother's wasted gifts, and of her own misfortunes, sorrow, and ill-health, we could not understand her work.

Sir Henry then gave a brief sketch of her life from her birth, in 1816, into a family of very remarkable gifts. Her two sisters Elizabeth and Maria died young through ill-treatment at the school (so vividly described as Lowood in "Jane Eyre") which Charlotte herself attended from 1814-15. She had a happier time at Roehead School as pupil and as teacher, but the unhappiness she suffered in her next post as governess and her solitary life drove her feelings inward, and this led to the passion which was to change her writings.

In appearance Charlotte was small and plain, with thick soft hair, the hands and feet small and dainty, the eyes large, well-shaped, and reddish-brown in colour. She had an expression of quiet intelligence but occasionally "a light shone, as if a spiritual lamp had been kindled behind those expressive orbs."

The family was badly off and in 1836, hoping to add to the meagre income, Charlotte wrote to Southey (then Post-Laureate) asking for his opinion of her poems. His answer, acknowledging that she possessed the "faculty of verse" but that "literature cannot be the business of a woman's life, and ought not to be" caused her not to attempt publication at the time. Charlotte and Emily went to Brussels in 1842 in order to obtain the necessary qualifications with a view to opening a school, but in a short time Charlotte was called home; though she returned in 1843 and spent a year as pupil-teacher, solitary, ill, and depressed. The pupils were hostile and the staff antipathetic to her. During these months abroad, she passed through a serious emotional crisis, and its effect has been declared by her critics and biographers to have been the cause of the efflorescence of her genius.

In 1846 appeared "Poems" by Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell (Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte). Those of Emily, as Charlotte herself wrote later, were the most worthy. Charlotte's first complete novel, "The Professor," written at this period, was not published till after her death, but in 1847 "Jane Eyre" was published. Thackeray acknowledged its extraordinary merits, as did other prominent critics. The reviews were cautious, but the book had an immediate success, even greater than that of "Vanity Fair." "Shirley" was begun in 1847, as Charlotte entered on a period of great sorrow; her brother died, a drunken wreck; Emily died in 1848 and Anne in 1849. "Shirley" on its appearance in 1849 was much praised, and was followed by "Villette" in 1853. In June 1854 Charlotte married her father's curate, and lived happily for nine months until her death in 1855 at the age of 39.

Undoubted Genius.

She may claim a title among the immortals, said the lecturer, for she had genius, an almost indefinable but always recognisable quality. Of genius, the first characteristic is honesty, and she was always true to herself and never posed. Originality is a second characteristic, and by this we must understand not necessarily newness, but freshness of treatment. By this test few surpass Charlotte Bronte in originality. Her books have all the same plot; a poor girl in an ordinary environment meets troubles and sorrow with courage and self-respect. Her characters, though, are living, moving, and real. There is an element of inevitability about their words and actions which are always natural. A veil has been lifted from the face of life itself.

She was a creator, not a mere constructor. Rochester, who is rather brutal, almost repellent, jars as if he were an acquaintance, and we wonder at Jane's infatuation—all we remember some husbands we have met in the flesh. Clarity of mind and expression are a remarkable part of Charlotte Bronte's equipment, and form a contrast to the affected writing of, for example, George Meredith.

She was deficient in humour, but her methods, her temperament, and her circumstances were not conducive to humorous writing. Her characters may be called "daguerotypes" taken from life. Her method produced melodrama on a grand scale, and her passion and tendency to exaggerate prevented any resemblance to the novels of Jane Austen, whose kindly humour makes even Mr. Collins not utterly hateful—since the sensible Charlotte Lucas married him. In the hands of Charlotte Bronte he would have been an offence to everyone except to himself.

Contemporary critics objected to "coarseness" in the novels; others said too prominent a place was given to the passion of love. There may be some truth in the latter remark, but love is a topic of surpassing interest and deserves treatment by the highest genius. Charlotte Bronte writes of it as a virile force, which moulds and elevates character.

Sir Henry then discussed the causes of the sudden development of her genius, and suggested that perhaps she was *felix opportunitate moris*—for was her genius a vein or only a very rich, but limited pocket? She used events and characters from her own range of experience, but was not so happy outside it.

In conclusion Sir Henry suggested that had it not been for her early death, there might have been a novel showing the average husband as he is, and not as he thinks he is.

A discussion followed, in which Fr. Byrne, S.J., Professor Simpson, Mr. Braine-Hartnell and others took part, and Sir Henry replied to questions.

A motion was passed that future meetings of the Association should, with the Dean's consent, be held in the Cathedral Hall. A second motion, that members wishing to be members of the parent Association also should pay an annual subscription of \$3 was also carried.

The date of the next meeting, January 7, was announced, when Professor Simpson will lecture on "The Difficulty of English." The meeting then adjourned.

THE HEALTH RETURN.

FOURTEEN CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

The health return of the Medical Officer for last week contains seven cases of small-pox, five of diphtheria and one each of typhoid fever and puerperal fever. There were six deaths from small-pox and five from diphtheria, all Chinese.

Other deaths were one Chinese from influenza, 12 Chinese and one non-Chinese from malaria and 76 Chinese and one non-Chinese from tuberculosis.

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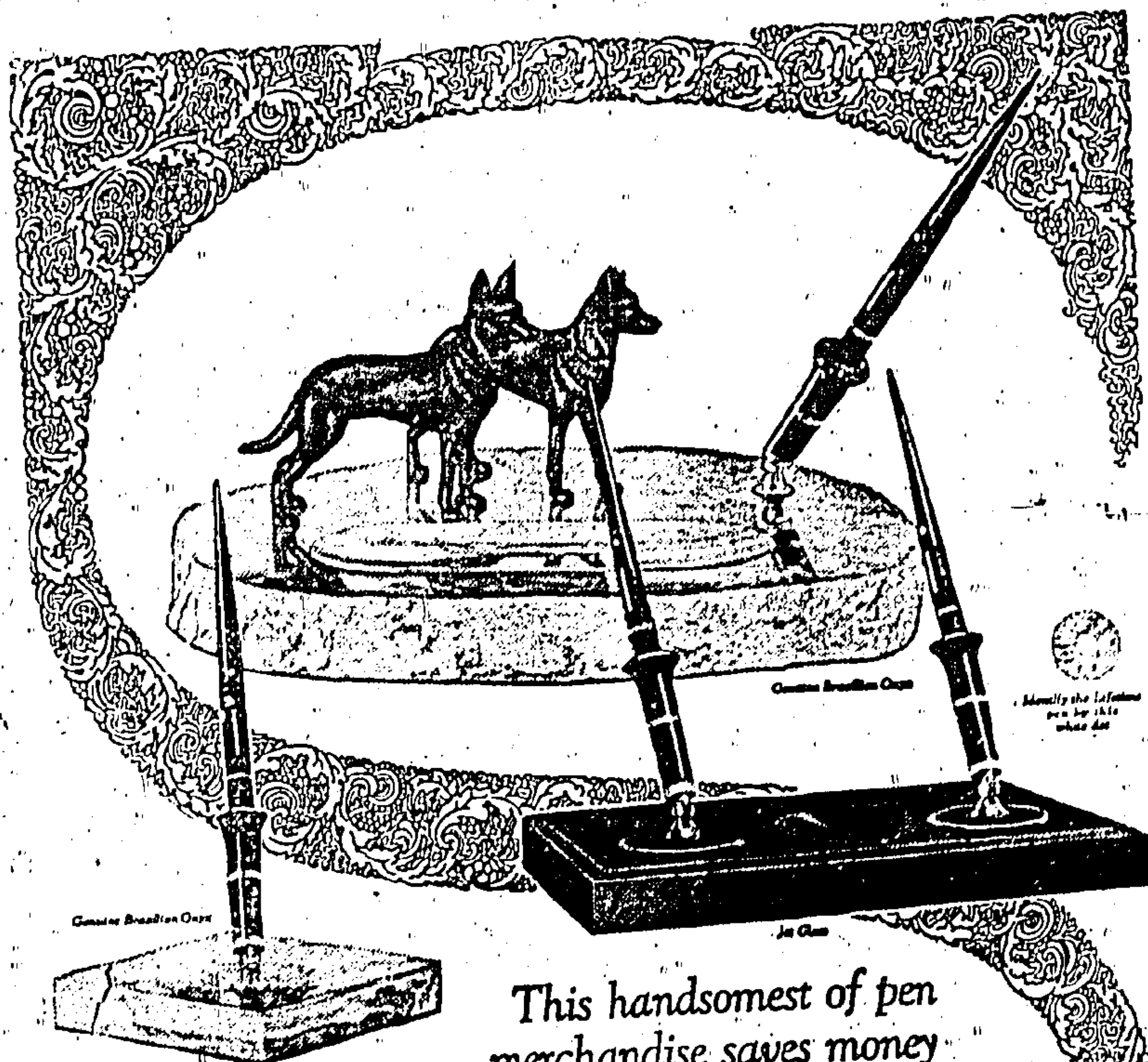
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NARROW ESCAPE.

THE GOVERNMENT VERY NEAR A DEFEAT.

London, Dec. 3.

The House of Commons sitting was prolonged until early morning, after the most exciting session the Government has hitherto known, their majority in the closure division on the first clause of the Unemployment Insurance Bill falling to thirteen, with nine Labourites joining the Conservatives against the Government.

Opposition cheers greeted the figures of 200 to 196, and Mr. Wheatley followed up the revolt of the Left Wing by bitterly attacking the Government for "political dishonesty." Only the slackness of the Conservatives, of whom a hundred were absent, saved the Government from defeat. Forty Liberals voted against the Government.

In the Lords.

The Government was also twice defeated in the House of Lords yesterday, when a Conservative amendment to the Widows' Pensions Bill, to limit the pensions to "necessitous" widows, was carried by 37 to 16; and subsequently a subsection dealing with "excepted employments" was deleted by 33 to 8.

The Daily Herald, which states the Government will never accept the Lords' action as "the Peers' first overt act of war against the Government."—Reuter.

BELGIAN CABINET.

M. JASPER APPARENTLY EFFECTS A COMPROMISE.

Brussels, Dec. 3.

M. Jasper has agreed to form a Cabinet and apparently has compromised with the Liberals in agreeing to safeguard instruction in French in certain districts.—Reuter.

[A Brussels message of November 25 stated.—The Cabinet has decided to resign owing to its inability to agree in connexion with the linguistic problem of Ghent University. The Premier accepted the contention of the Catholics that Ghent must become an essentially Flemish university, but the Liberals have been emphatic in their resistance, the Liberal-Catholic Coalition thus breaking down.]

BRITAIN AIR MINDED.

PRIVATE FLYING LARGELY ON THE INCREASE.

London, Dec. 3.

Sir Sefton Brancker, the Director of Civil Aviation, at Shrewsbury yesterday said that private flying was increasing every day in Britain, and this year his Department was issuing pilots' licences and certificates for aircraft at double the 1928 rate.

He anticipated they would double the rate again in 1930.

Every day they were moving towards making air transport an easy way, and as this materialised it was obvious that the demand for commercial aircraft would increase to very big proportions.—British Wireless.

K.R.A. ACTIVITIES.

PUBLIC BAND CONCERTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

At the November monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, many topics of interest were discussed.

Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President of the Association, took the chair, and others present included Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. E. Cock, M.B.E., F. W. Stapleton, R. Postonji, H. Un. J. M., J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., Li Jow Son, C. B. Riggs and E. C. Tregillus.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been read and confirmed, correspondence drawing the attention of the G.O.C. to the danger attendant on military horses grazing in residential areas, particularly in the vicinity of the Children's Playgrounds, was laid on the table. In his reply, the G.O.C. regretted that the actual unit at fault could not be traced, but stated that instructions had been issued that grazing and exercise of these animals should be carried out in non-residential areas as far as possible.

Swings at Night.

In reply to a letter from the Association pointing out the nuisance created by the unauthorized use of the swings, etc. in Chatham Road Playground after dark, owing to the gear not being locked up, the Director of Public Works stated that this was occasioned by the locks being stolen at various times. He further stated that the matter was receiving the attention of the Police.

Middle Road Playground.

The proposals of the P.W.D. with regard to the Middle Road Playground having been fully discussed at a previous meeting, a letter from the Association to the D.P.W. embodying the Committee's suggestions was read and approved. The suggestions included:

(1) A 4 foot wall along the Salisbury Road frontage, in lieu of the proposed post and rail fence; the latter was not considered adequate, as it is necessary to prevent the children climbing over or scrambling through the fence into the heavy traffic of this road.

(2) The Lavatory and Shelter to be separate.

(3) A Chinese Tile roof to the Shelter in place of the proposed Wood and Malthoid.

(4) Two gates only, one at North West corner and one on Salisbury Road, the latter to have a bar erected to prevent children running straight across the pavement into the road.

(5) Increased seating accommodation in the shelter and grounds.

Public Concerts.

Correspondence with the Colonial Secretary, wherein it was stated that Government would provide an initial subsidy of \$200 per concert for six band concerts in Kowloon, the organisation of which would be left in the hands of the Association, having been discussed, together with the Association's letter expressing their willingness to

TEA PRODUCTION.

SNAGS IN THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION SCHEME.

London, Dec. 3.

The Financial Times gives prominence to proposals for the restriction of tea production, which it says have been "officially recommended" and favoured by the Indian and Ceylon groups in Mincing Lane, but the question of Java and Sumatra support remains unsettled. The Financial Times correspondent at Amsterdam quotes the Telegraaf for the view of Dutch growers that a plan of picking only the better quality leaves is preferable to an artificial restriction scheme.

A writer in the Telegraaf expresses the opinion that there is not much chance of Dutch producers joining the British scheme, more so as the cost of production on Dutch Indian tea plantations is the lowest in the world.—Reuter.

Ceylon Caution.

Colombo, Dec. 3.

The scheme for restriction of tea output is generally favoured here, but the growers in Ceylon are unwilling to commit themselves without an assurance that at least seventy-five per cent. of the estates in all the countries concerned will join the scheme.—Reuter.

PRESS Tiffin.

LOCAL JOURNALISTS ON ASAMA MARU.

In order to give representatives of the Hongkong newspapers an opportunity of seeing the Asama Maru in private, a tiffin party, attended by representatives of leading newspapers, was tendered by the N.Y.K. management on board the liner yesterday.

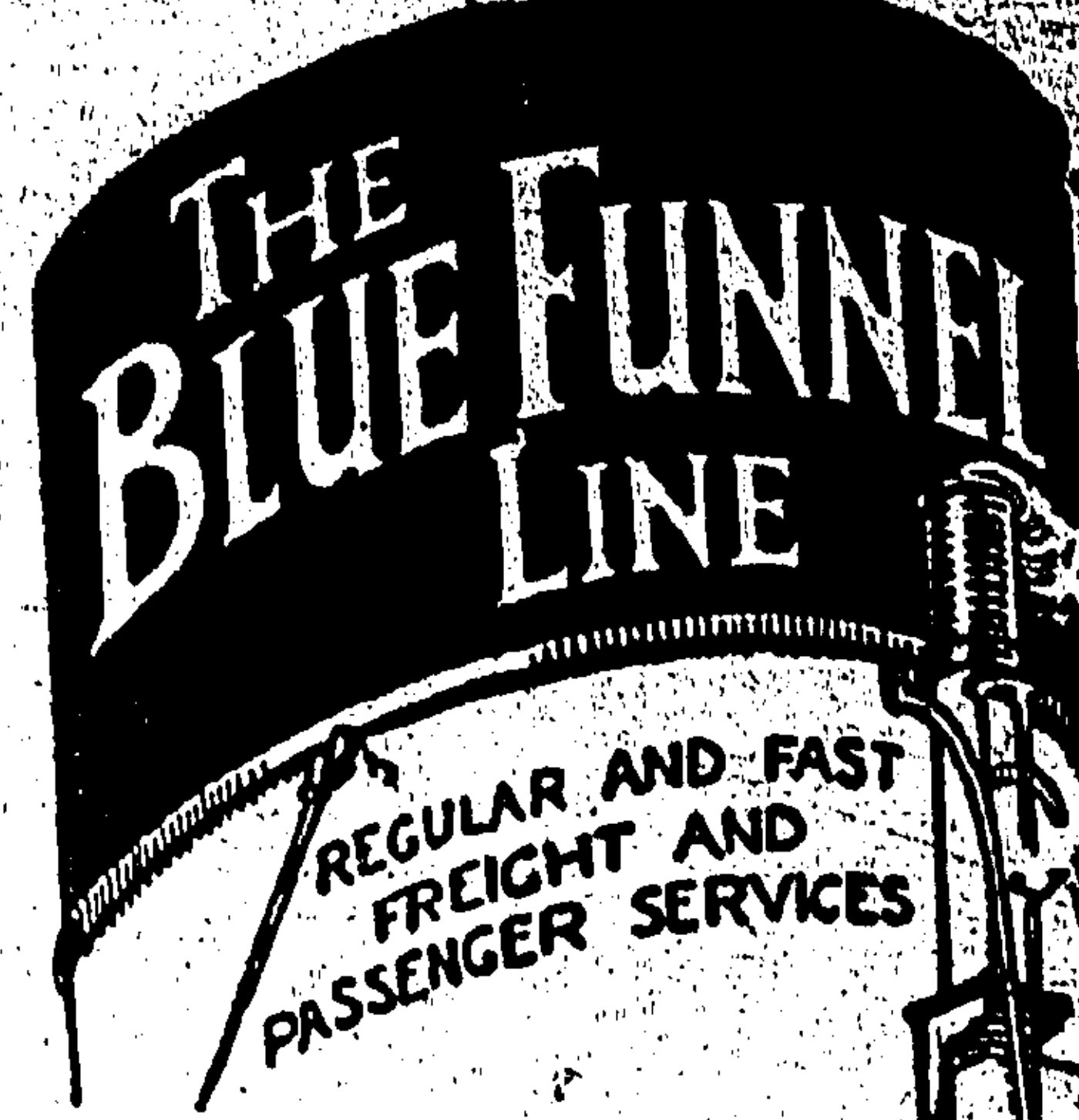
Mr. Kataoka, sub manager, N.Y.K., Hongkong, Mr. Tase, General Passenger Agent, and Mr. E. J. Speers, of the Passenger Department acted as hosts. The guests included Mr. R. T. Barrett, Hongkong Daily Press, Mr. G. Lim, Hongkong Daily Press, and Mr. P. J. Clancy, South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph.

The visitors were introduced to the officers of the liner and took tiffin in the Commander's table in the beautiful saloon. No speeches were made, so for once the pressmen had the pleasure of enjoying a sumptuous meal, without having to race away to decipher lengthy shorthand notes.

At the conclusion of the visit, Mr. Barrett, and Mr. Clancy on behalf of their journals tendered thanks to the N.Y.K. officials for the courtesy and consideration they had always shown the Press.

undertake the organisation of these concerts, the sub-committee appointed to go into the matter reported that preliminary arrangements had been made, but as funds would not be available until 1st January, 1930, and as it was not desirable to hold such concerts during the cold weather, final arrangements would be left to the Committee for 1930.

Other business having been dealt with, the meeting closed. Any members whose subscriptions for 1929 are unpaid are requested to forward them to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester and Abraham, as soon as possible, as the financial year closes on the 31st December.



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The committee who worked so hard to make the dance the success it was comprised Lt. Comdr. Farrant, C. P. O. Elsey, A. B. Jones and Marine Watta.

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MARINE'S DEATH.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Corporal R. F. Swallow of H.M.S. Berwick took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when full military honours were accorded. The Royal Marine Band from H.M.S. Berwick attended, together with a firing party of Royal Marines.

Captain G. Robinson, R.N., in command of H.M.S. Berwick and Major Tuke Hughes, R.M., in charge of the Fleet R. M. Detachments, were among the large number of officers present. Men of all ranks of the Navy and Royal Marines attended in large numbers, the funeral being one of the largest held at Happy Valley within recent months. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Payne, the Berwick's chaplain.

Wreaths were sent from the following: Scamers, H.M.S. Berwick, C.P.O. Mess, H.M.S. Berwick, Betty and Violet, Gunroom Officers, H.M.S. Berwick, R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. Berwick, P.O.'s, H.M.S. Berwick, S.P.O.'s Mess, H.M.S. Berwick, R.M. Old Comrades' Association, Stokers, H.M.S. Berwick, R.M. Band, H.M.S. Berwick, W.R.A.'s, H.M.S. Berwick, Captain and Officers, H.M.S. Berwick, R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. Cornwall, Hotel Savoy, R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. Kent, Social Club, H.M.S. Berwick, Communications, H.M.S. Berwick, Chief Stokers and Mechanicians, H.M.S. Berwick, Commissioned and Warrant Officers, H.M.S. Berwick, E.R.A. Mess, H.M.S. Berwick, R.M. Officers, H.M.S. Berwick, Ship's Company, H.M.S. Berwick.

His Worship said that he could not see anything whatever to justify committal.

Mr. Andrews: Now you have said that your Worship, I quite agree.

His Worship: It appears to me to have been a pure accident.

Mr. Andrews: I think so.

His Worship: Intimated that a peculiar point was the condition of the pistol which seemed as if the ejector had failed to work.

The defendant was acquitted.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Forty-six million for WEEK'S CONSUMPTION.

The water return for the past week shows that the total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 2nd December, amounted to 1,514.80 million gallons showing a decrease of 45.40 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 50 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 46.90 million gallons.

Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 2nd December, amounted to 496.64 million gallons, showing a decrease of 9.35 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.54 million gallons, not including 1.85 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 19.07 million gallons.

In some political quarters the view is taken that the Government contemplate creating a public body on the lines of the Port of London Authority, to co-ordinate and control the various passenger services. In others, it is assumed that the creation of a public body that would buy out the existing passenger tramway, omnibus and tube railway services is intended. Comment in the Press and by traffic experts is reserved, pending further details.—British Wireless.

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DOCK SHOOTING INCIDENT.

(Continued from Page 2.)

WERE THE COMPLAINANTS' RECEIPTS MUDDLED UP?

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Recalled, Leung Tak-chai, the manager of the Lee Fung Hang, said that out of the balance of \$3,500 he gave accused to pay to various customers, he received a balance of \$126.21 upon his return that amount being made up of two \$50 notes, a number of \$10 and \$5 notes, and two silver coins, and a copper. There were no \$100 notes, witness declared, amongst these bills.

Accused, after handing him the money at 2.30 p.m., again went out with a list of debtors, it being his duty to remind these latter of their commitments. It was whilst he was out the second time, that the Shiu On Wing people came in, with the assertion that they had received forged Chartered Bank notes from the accused.

In examination by Mr. Leung D'Almeida, Jr., for the defence, witness said the accused kept the list of debtors until he had collected all the accounts stated therein. He could then make a new list or add new items to the list he already had.

Accountant Recalled.

Auyeung Yuk-fai, the Shiu On Wing accountant, recalled, said, in cross-examination by Mr. D'Almeida, that thirteen entries were made in the receipt book for the day in question, of which ten were made by him. Amongst these ten three items were for such large sums as \$6,000, \$5,500 and \$1,000. There were also two other items exceeding \$500.

Mr. D'Almeida: Are you sure that six of these forged Chartered Bank notes had not formed part of the payment of one of these accounts?—Witness: No.

You are quite certain?—Yes.

Witness, replying to further questions, stated he always put away such cash payments in the smaller safe, of which the two keys were kept respectively by him and another accountant of the Shiu On Wing.

Witness was closely questioned in regard to this other fook, and replied that that man who had been to the country and was absent on the day in question, had returned to his post.

When the accused was taxed with the forged notes, said witness, he endeavoured to run out of the shop, but was intercepted and prevented.

Replying to other questions, witness qualified his previous statement by saying that the accused was making to walk away when he (witness) stopped him. Thereupon he asked permission to use the telephone.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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In examination by Mr. Leung D'Almeida, Jr., for the defence, witness said the accused kept the list of debtors until he had collected all the accounts stated therein. He could then make a new list or add new items to the list he already had.

Accountant Recalled.

Auyeung Yuk-fai, the Shiu On Wing accountant, recalled, said, in cross-examination by Mr. D'Almeida, that thirteen entries were made in the receipt book for the day in question, of which ten were made by him. Amongst these ten three items were for such large sums as \$6,000, \$5,500 and \$1,000. There were also two other items exceeding \$500.

Mr. D'Almeida: Are you sure that six of these forged Chartered Bank notes had not formed part of the payment of one of these accounts?—Witness: No.

You are quite certain?—Yes.

Witness, replying to further questions, stated he always put away such cash payments in the smaller safe, of which the two keys were kept respectively by him and another accountant of the Shiu On Wing.

Witness was closely questioned in regard to this other fook, and replied that that man who had been to the country and was absent on the day in question, had returned to his post.

When the accused was taxed with the forged notes, said witness, he endeavoured to run out of the shop, but was intercepted and prevented.

Replying to other questions, witness qualified his previous statement by saying that the accused was making to walk away when he (witness) stopped him. Thereupon he asked permission to use the telephone.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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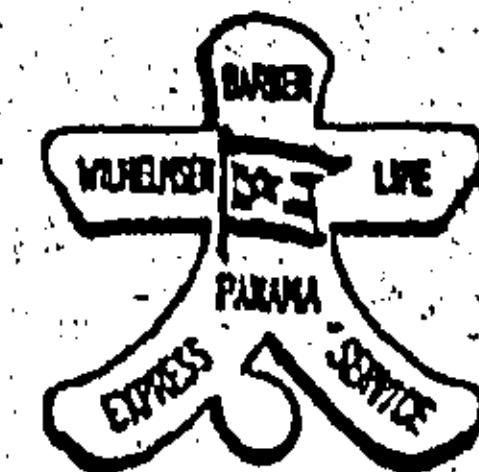
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NATIONAL OPERA.
NO GRANT POSSIBLE FROM
PUBLIC FUNDS.
London, Dec. 3.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, was asked whether, in view of the fact that £100,000 had been collected from 50,000 subscribers to the Imperial League of Opera, the Government intended to give assistance in establishing national opera.
While expressing the warmest sympathy with the Opera League aims, the Premier regretted he could not promise it a grant from public funds.—*British Wireless.*

TAMWORTH ELECTION.
CONSERVATIVES RETAIN
THE SEAT.
London, Dec. 3.
The by-election at Tamworth, caused by the retirement of Sir Edward Hille, the Conservative member, in order to allow Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour in the Baldwin Administration, to contest the seat, resulted as follows:
Sir A. Steel-Maitland (Con.) 23,495
Mr. G. Horwill (Lab.) 12,759
Conservative majority 10,736
At the last General Election, the polling was considerably heavier. Sir Edward Hille secured 29,807 votes, and Mr. Horwill 14,402; the Conservative majority being 15,405.

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London, Dec. 3.

The Royal Aero Club has been informed by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale that the following world's records have been granted to British airmen:

Greatest speed over 100 kilo-
metres: Flying Officer Waghorn on a Supermarine Rolls Royce S-6 on September 7th, 1929, at 330.1 miles per hour—631.2 kilometres per hour. Flying Officer Atcherley on Supermarine Rolls Royce S-6 on September 7th, 1929, at 331.6 miles an hour—533.8 kilometres an hour.

World's greatest speed: Flight Lieutenant Stainforth on a Gloster Napier Six on September 10th, at 336.3 miles an hour—541.1 kilometres an hour. Squadron Leader Odebar on a Supermarine Rolls Royce S-6 on September 12th, at 357.5 miles an hour—575.7 kilometres an hour.

The Royal Air Force long-distance aeroplane, which in the Spring flew non-stop to India and has since its return undergone slight alterations, at Northolt Aerodrome, today flew to Cranwell Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, which has a specially long take-off, to await a favourable opportunity for the start of another attempt on the long-distance flight record.

Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, who took the machine on its Indian flight, will attempt to fly over Africa non-stop to Capetown, a distance of about 6,000 miles.

A start will be made in about a fortnight.—*British Wireless.*

OIL CONSERVATION IN AMERICA.

NEW PLAN OF PETROLEUM INSTITUTE.

Chicago, Dec. 3.

In order to control production, to effect economy and to conserve the national product, as mentioned to-day in President Hoover's message to Congress, the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, has endorsed, in principle, the grouping of various oil pools into units.

The Board has also decided to appoint a Standing Committee to promote the general adoption of the principle. It is proposed that wherever feasible, leaseholders of pool acreage shall develop it jointly, pooling the proceeds.

Where the unit plan is not feasible, the Directors recommend local agreements to the same purpose.

The Directors have also decided to reorganise the Institute into three sections, Production, Refinery and Marketing.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HONGKONG CURRENCY QUESTION.

ORDERS FOR COINAGE FROM ROYAL MINT.

In their weekly bulletin letter, dated October 30th, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., of London, state:

It has recently been decided that the British silver dollar should circulate in Hongkong on a parity with notes, which have hitherto commanded a substantial premium. On the basis of present prices, dollars coined and laid down in Hongkong show a profit as against a purchase of exchange, and there has therefore been created a certain demand for the coins.

Orders for coinage have been placed with the Royal Mint. As the Mint has been able to provide most of the silver required from dematerialised British silver coin of the old standard, this demand for dollars has so far been without effect on silver prices.

It is not considered that the demand for the coins will involve any large purchases of new silver.

EUROPEAN STEEL.

CARTEL DECIDES TO REDUCE OUTPUT.

Brussels, Dec. 3.

The Committee of the International Steel Cartel has decided to reduce the production of unmanufactured steel in December by ten per cent.—*Reuter.*

ALARMING MUTINY AT PUKOW.

REFUSAL TO GO TO CANTON.

KUOMINCHUN FORCES IN ORGY OF LOOTING.

OFFICERS MURDERED.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.
Travellers arriving from Pukow state that the mutiny reported yesterday was more serious than at first reported. It was well planned, and almost an entire Army Corps is stated to have been involved.

The mutineers disarmed the loyal garrison almost without resistance, looted every shop in Pukow and seized all the rolling stock, leaving for the North by heading towards Pengpu, looting other stations en route.

The Government forces crossed the Yangtze, but were unable to follow, owing to lack of transport. The mutineers had been ordered to Canton for the campaign against the Ironsides.

American Robbed.

Very little damage has been done to foreign property, but Mr. Kranckoff, of the Paramount News Reel Company, had a narrow escape. The soldiers took his camera and all his cash, amounting to \$200, but he escaped uninjured and was able to get to Nanking yesterday morning.—*Reuter.*

Nanking, Dec. 3.

The Nationalist Capital was alarmed that night when the 24th Nationalist Division, under General Shih Yu-san, mutinied and looted Pukow, disarming a large number of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

It will be recalled that the 24th Division was formerly one of the most trusted Kuominchun Divisions under Marshal Feng Yuxiang, but that it surrendered to the Central Government recently and was then ordered to go to Anhui Province.

Ordered to Canton.

During the week-end it was announced that the Nanking authorities had decided to dispatch 6,000 or 7,000 of the Kuominchun units of the 24th Division, under the command of General Shih Yu-san, to Canton.

On Monday, about 7,000 troops arrived at Pukow and on the same day they all boarded steamers for the South, while in the evening their officers supplied them with arms and ammunition. The troops, however, declined to go South.

Officers Assassinated.

Last night, these units suddenly mutinied, assassinating in cold blood two of their regimental commanders, whose names are not known at the time of writing.

Disobeying the orders of the officers that they should remain on board the steamers, the troops rushed ashore and looted some of the Chinese shops and residences in the native city. There is no mention that foreigners in the city have been molested, and it is, therefore, presumed that they are all safe.

One of the first acts of the mutinous troops was to cut all telephone and telegraph wires thus severing communications with the Nationalist Capital. The city was in a state of chaos for several hours.

Despite its nearness to Nanking, the mutiny had no great effect on the capital, where it is believed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has concentrated the best of his forces. These are believed adequate to prevent any attempt on the part of the rebels to seize the city by an attack from Pukow.

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Artillery Despatched.

When news of the trouble reached Nanking, the Headquarters lost no time in ordering the 26th Artillery Regiment of the 5th Nanking Division to rush to Pukow from Shanghai to suppress the soldiers. The artillery are expected to reach Pukow sometime this evening.

Last night, all steamers anchored at Pukow were prevented from leaving the port, while all the Military and Civil Offices at Pukow under the control of Nanking were entered and looted by the Kuominchun forces, who disarmed all the soldiers and armed guards therein.

At about dawn, when troops from

the capital arrived to suppress the trouble, the Kuominchun units retreated to the Pukow suburbs.

Six Trains Seized.

Later, the troops were seen massing at the station of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway where they seized six trains and proceeded northward.

General Shih Yu-san, the commander of the mutinous troops, is said to have been informed before hand of the likelihood of the rising. His whereabouts at present are not known, but it is believed that he proceeded North with his troops on the seized trains.

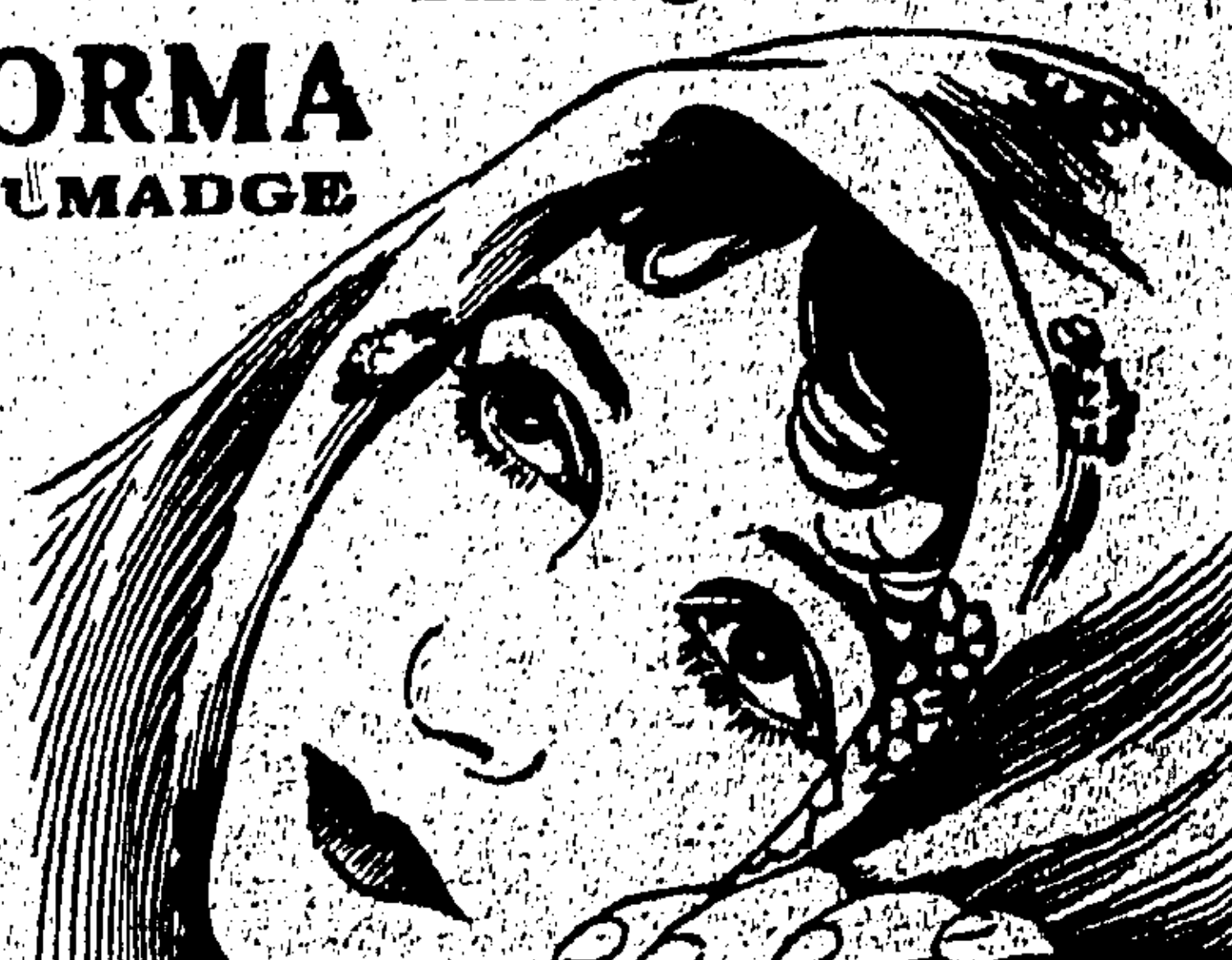
According to Japanese sources, the primary cause of the mutiny was discontent among the Kuominchun leaders who complain of the inadequacy of the funds granted them on being detailed to Canton in the campaign against the Ironsides.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the lower Yangtze Valley, pressure having decreased over South Manchuria. Fresh to strong monsoon will continue along the China coast and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—North winds, fresh; fine.

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